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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1873.

The School Report is made less full and complete, because published in accordance with the vote of the town previous to its annual meeting.

Many of our schools continue their winter terms till near the first of March, and their statistics cannot be embraced in this Report.— The school year has been, in general, a prosperous one. Cases of failure there have been, but not more numerous than in past years, or than could be reasonably expected under the working of our present system. Where, as in the District system, responsibility is divided, it is difficult to say who is responsible for failures. In some cases the fault may lie with the Superintending Committee. Inability to give all the time and care necessary to the proper discharge of their duties, coupled with the desire to avoid conflict with Prudential Committees and Districts, may detract, somewhat, from the efficiency of their labors. If they could give more thought, energy, and heart, to their work, they would, without doubt, save somewhat of the waste now inseparable from the working of the present system. A more thorough supervision is acknowledged to be the great want of our schools. It has been truly said that “the most important branch of administration, as connected with education, relates to school inspection. But the practical question, in our small towns, is, how shall this inspection be secured? Most of our cities and larger towns secure it by the employment of Superintendents, who devote all their time and energies to the work and receive suitable compensation for their services. But our smaller towns could not afford the expense

of such work, if they could find the persons able and ready to do it. Hence it must be done, for the most part, by those who, with other engagements, have not the time to do it thoroughly.

It has been the endeavor of your Committee to do, in this respect, what the law requires and other pressing engagements would allow.

In making sixty-five visits, and traveling not less than two hundred miles, they have done something, and still have left much undone.

The visits of the State Agent to some of our schools have shown what might be accomplished by the employment of some well-qualified person who could give all his time and energies to this work.

But in some cases the cause of failure in our schools lies in the difficulty, not to say impossibility, of securing well qualified teachers. Mere literary attainments are not the sole, hardly the chief, qualifications of a successful teacher. He must be "apt to teach." He must have the power of enlisting his pupils in hard work; of stimulating them to put forth the utmost of their energies.

We see too many pupils going through the round of school duties, utterly deficient in the power of application, with little interest in study, and without any purpose or prospect of future improvement.

No skill or aptness on the part of the teacher could awaken in some of them a desire for knowledge. They seem to lack the requisite capacity and disposition to learn. Still, it is the teacher's office, and the highest accomplishment of his profession, to give a strong impulse to the minds of his pupils; to quicken the dullest; to inspire them with a love of study, and a delight in mastering difficulties.— This is no easy task. It involves great difficulty, and demands patience and persevering effort. It will put the qualifications of a teacher to their severest test, and its accomplishment will be the clearest proof of success. The difficulty of obtaining such teachers is every year increasing. The supply does not keep pace with the demand. They who have qualified themselves for the work, by a thorough preparatory course, are drawn away to the cities and larger towns by the offer of higher wages, and the smaller towns are left to supply themselves as they can. It is well to do this, as far as possible, from among ourselves; but with our present school advantages, there is reason to believe that the number of well qualified teachers will continue from year to year to decrease.

It may become necessary for the town to carry into effect the provisions of the law respecting truants and absentees. There is reason to believe that the number of such is increasing. Through the indifference or selfishness of parents, children are in some instances denied all school privileges, and are growing up in heathenish ignorance. Every one has a right to an education; and if parents neglect their duty in this respect, the State may step in and compel them to do justice to their children. In vain are facilities for an education provided, if the people do not appreciate these advantages sufficiently to avail themselves of them.

But, to protect itself against the spread of ignorance and crime, the State has manifestly the right of enforcing attendance at school. In requiring this, by law, and affixing a penalty to disobedience, she is not guilty of an undue interference with the rights of parents and guardians over their children. It would seem that a healthy public sentiment might correct this evil without a resort to law; but there are some among us who, having received no mental training themselves, do not desire it for their children.

In this connection, we may speak of the evil of irregular attendance. This seems to increase in exact ratio with the increase of our great agricultural product. It may be found in the future, that among all the evils of tobacco culture, not the least is its effect upon the interests of education. It has been charged that it "exhausts the soil." Whether this be so or not, it certainly "exhausts" the schools. It not unfrequently takes out of many of them all their working force, and breaks up whole classes, interrupting all progress, and leaving teachers sadly discouraged. This evil is not confined to a few days, or weeks—then a remedy might be found—but runs through the whole year, according as the weather is favorable or unfavorable to the staple product.

The fear has been expressed that females are not enjoying their rights, and much has been urged in favor of their higher education; but in visiting many of our schools, we have had occasion sadly to ask, "where are the boys?" It is to be greatly feared that many of them are suffering a gross injustice in the loss of school privileges.

Parents do well to consider that this is an injury done to their children which they can in no wise repair; a wrong for which no gain that may accrue can compensate.

Your Committee have encouraged attention to music, in the belief that it has an intimate connection with the order and moral tone of a school. It should not be permitted to take the place of other and more important exercises; but if music is interspersed with them, it affords an agreeable relaxation and a pleasant stimulus.

If a teacher is able to sing, and give instruction in the elements of music, a double advantage is secured in the mental and moral quickening of the pupils. Considerable prominence has been given to this in District No. 2, and with good results.

The past year has witnessed some improvement in school buildings. In District No. 13 a new and substantial house has been built, which supplies, in a good degree, the wants of that growing school.

In District No. 7, the interior of the building has been greatly improved by papering and painting, as also in District No. 4. These slight and inexpensive improvements often tell with great power upon a school in the cultivation of habits of neatness, of order, and of taste.

The Dictionaries introduced into the schools some years since have most of them become so worn as to be unfit for use. There is an en-

tire deficiency in all kinds of school apparatus, but it would not be wise to expend much for the purchase of this till we are better provided with the means of its safe keeping. Black-boards and dictionaries are, however, indispensable in every school, and the Committee would recommend the supply of them in all the schools where they are needed.

Most of the pupils in our town need better advantages than can possibly be obtained in the ordinary district school. They will fail of these entirely if they are not furnished by the town. The cost of education is so great that very few can afford to obtain it abroad.—The true and most economical policy is to supply our pressing wants from among ourselves.

Your Committee cannot forbear to express again the conviction, which is growing stronger from year to year, that the best interests of the town demand a High School. If you wish all the schools in town to be elevated and improved, establish a High School; give it a cordial and generous support, and it will inevitably exert an elevating influence. Let a suitable building be provided; all the means necessary for higher education be procured; let every thing be done that is needed to give it the full confidence and support of all our citizens, and new interest will be awakened in all our common schools. Such a school at the center—like a healthy heart in the human system—will send out its life-giving power through all the districts, neighborhoods and families of the town. It is a great mistake to suppose that what is expended in support of such a school is so much abstracted from the remote districts. It will more than repay its cost, by elevating the standard of education; by stimulating the young to renewed effort; by creating an enlightened public sentiment, as well as by enhancing all the material interests of the town.

Our schools are by far the most important interest with which the public action of the town can have to do, and all our interests, social, moral and religious, will be advanced in proportion as that action is wise, enlarged and liberal.

T. J. CLARK, J. L. BANKS, B. F. STREETER, CHARLES HOLTON, GEORGE MOODY, SCOTT DUNKLEE,	}	Committee.
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Report of year 1872

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FEBRUARY 18, 1873.

Balance in the Treasury March 2d, 1872,	\$3696 71
“ of Corporation taxes recd. of State Treas.,	63 29
Cash paid in, (part of sur. revenue fund,)	200 00
State aid received from State Treasury,	250 00
Corporation taxes,	363 14
Income of State school fund,	168 66
Received of County Treasurer (dog fund),	114 27
Interest on surplus revenue,	66 00
Use of Town Hall,	113 50
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	\$5035 57

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1872.

Contingent,	\$3500 00	
Schools,	2500 00	
State tax,	1300 00	
County tax,	1524 00	
Highways,	2000 00	
Overlay,	129 60	10953 60
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		\$15,989 17

By cash paid State tax,	\$1300 00	
“ “ County tax,	1524 00	
“ “ the several school districts,	2429 65	
“ “ State aid,	306 00	
“ “ Selectmen's orders,	2789 53	
“ “ Road Comm's orders,	1705 69	
Paid S. S. Eastman & Co's. bill for pr.,	24 00	
“ S. S. Brook's bill for road scraper,	45 00	
“ to surplus revenue fund,	600 00	10,723 87
Balance in the treasury Feb. 18, 1873,		5,265 30
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		\$15,989 17

RECAPITULATION.

Paid School District No. 1,	\$555 50	
“ “ 2,	374 30	
“ “ 3,	174 50	
“ “ 4,	324 03	
“ “ 5,	143 75	
“ “ 6,	101 00	
“ “ 7,	194 56	
“ “ 8,	24 00	
“ “ 9, Annexed to No. 12,	00	
“ “ 10,	83 19	
“ “ 11,	98 00	
“ “ 12,	242 42	
“ “ 13,	114 40	
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PAID ON SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

Outstanding orders of last year,	\$86 74
Town bill as per Auditing Com. report,	362 16
S. H. Moody, bal. of bill for town clock,	39 55
M. D. Stratton, service as Col. and Constable,	80 25
H. Johnson, remittance of highway tax,	3 19
J. L. Deane, for casing town clock,	18 00

William Merriam, error of dog tax,	2 00
Joseph Lyman for supplying water on highway,	3 50
M. D. Stratton, Collector, for error in H. Johnson's tax,	50 86
C. Merriam, bill for shovelling snow,	17 25
E. E. Belding, service on Com.,	2 00
Roswell Holton, work on highway,	2 80
John Griffin, for keeping Ellen Burns, State pauper,	14 00
H. W. Montague, for town order blanks,	2 00
J Weeks, for keeping W. W. Weeks, State pauper,	12 00
Roswell Holton, for freight of road scraper,	1 86
Dr. M. S. Mead, for attendance on State pauper,	5 75
Asa A. Holton, expenses of A. W. Weeks St. pauper,	12 00
J. M. Picket, for damage to horse,	20 00
William Combs, for lumber for cemetery fence,	84 81
Hiram Doolittle, for error in tax,	2 00
Charles Pomeroy, for error in Mary Russell's tax,	23 18
“ highway tax on Perry place,	7 52
Mrs. Fanny Burrows, error in tax,	6 85
Henry Wright, 2d, in part of support of poor,	300 00
Henry Johnson, for highway tax on Perry place,	7 52
Israel Lyman, for wood for Town House,	26 00
M. D. Stratton, for discount on taxes,	443 04
“ abatement on Win. Comb's tax,	1 68
Asa A. Holton, for expenses of W. W. Weeks to State Alms House,	20 10
J. Pierce, for planing lumber for cemetery fence,	24 20
George W. Page, for hearse straps,	2 50
S. S. Holton, for work on cemetery fence,	15 00
Roswell Holton, for land for cemetery,	45 00
S. S. Holton, for work on cemetery fence,	28 50
Rodney Fisher, for repairing roof of Town House,	8 28
Bartlett Bros., for lettering guide boards,	7 00
James Pickard, town orders,	5 50
Dr. E. Stratton, for medical attendance of S. pauper,	9 00

Dr. E. Stratton, for stone posts for cemetery,	9 00
J. Lyman, abatement of highway delinquent tax, 1870,	5 00
A. D. Stearns, for sundry repairs,	13 25
Michael Pigott, for labor and dirt for highway,	7 50
John Weeks, for keeping W. D. Weeks, State pauper,	8 75
John Barrett for lumber for guide posts,	1 75
Henry Wright, 2d, in part support of poor,	44 42
E. H. Starkey, iron for fence,	1 85
Treasurer of First Parish, for error in tax,	4 11
M. D. Stratton, services as Collector and Constable,	49 00
“ for an error in discounts,	1 62
T. J. Clark, for services as School Committee,	80 00
Asa A. Holton, for keeping transcient paupers and express bill,	2 00
Merchants & Farmers Ins. Co., for assessment on policy,	24 00
Henry Wright 2d, for driving hearse,	46 50
“ for work on cemetery fence and Town Hall,	38 00
“ in part for support of poor,	200 00
“ for bal. for “ “ “ to April 4,	188 58
H. B. Parker, for supplying water in highway,	1 50
H. W. Webster, for supplying water in highways for two years,	6 00
H. Wright 2d, amount received for use of Town Hall, and applied to bill for support of poor,	113 50
S. W. Dutton, for services as Treasurer,	40 00
“ services and fees as Clerk, and books and express bills paid,	52 20

ORDERS FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Henry Ellis, and Elisha Gates, each 1.25,	2 50
Matthew Coughlin, and Franklin Holt, each 1.25,	2 50
Joseph Dudley's Heirs,	6 85
A. W. Alexander,	5 80
Anna Alexander,	1 92
Wm. Dale, J. H. Dodge and Amos Elmer, each 2.00,	6 00

R. Guellow, Elon L. Holton and Jas. Reed, each 2.00,	6 00
Lyman, Gad C. 3.77, Lord, S. S., 4.58,	8 35
T. M. Wilber, and James Arling, each 2.00,	4 00
William H. Holton,	3 64

Total of Selectmen's orders,	\$2790 08
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PAID ON ROAD COMMISSIONER'S ORDERS.

Henry Wright,	\$300 00
"	189 85
Horace F. Field,	300 00
"	200 00
" 60.00 and 59.00,	119 00
Roswell Holton,	200 00
Israel Lyman,	129 92
John Barrett,	17 75
Roswell Holton,	60 00
Israel Lyman,	29 20
Roswell Holton,	75 00
"	84 97

	\$1705 69
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INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 18, 1873.

Due to School District No. 1,	\$351 67
" " " 2,	240 60
" " " 3,	113 75
" " " 4,	57 16
" " " 5,	51 31
" " " 6,	14 51
" " " 7,	146 73
" " " 8,	92 70
" " " 10,	00
" " " 11,	00

Due to School District No. 12,	172 83
“ “ “ 13,	138 17
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	\$1379 43

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

A. A. Holton,	\$88 00	
H W. Montague,	61 25	
R. Holton,	31 00	\$180 25

COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

T. J. Field,	\$1 00	
Ira Coy,	1 00	
R. K. Caldwell,	1 00	
R. K. Caldwell's bill,	9 00	12 00
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		\$1571 68

Balance in the treasury Feb. 18, '73,	\$5235 30	
Indebtedness of the town same date,	1571 68	
Balance in favor of the town,		\$3663 62

S. W. DUTTON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We have contracted with Henry Wright, 2d, for the support of the poor for three years from the 4th day of April 1872, for the sum of \$800 per year. At that time the following named persons were being fully supported by the town, viz: Sherman Wright, aged 69; Mrs. Wright, aged 71; Seth Field, aged 83; Adelaide Field, aged 70; Lucretia Sawyer, aged 39. The following named persons have had partial support during the year: James Reed, aged 62; Wm. Webster, aged 87; Mrs. Webster, aged 74; Chauncey Kimplin, about 40. In addition to the above named, J. H. Blake has been committed to the hospital for the insane at Northampton, by the Judge of the Probate Court for the County of Hampshire, and the town has been cited for his support. His case has not yet been investigated. Those having full support by the town are provided for at the house of Mr. Wright, the contractor. Of the above named, Mr. Sherman Wright died in January last. In conclusion we would say, when we have visited the poor during the past year, we have found them in a comfortable condition, and in our opinion well provided with the comforts of life.

ASA A. HOLTON,	} Overseers of the Poor.
H. W. MONTAGUE,	
R. HOLTON.	

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

FINANCES,

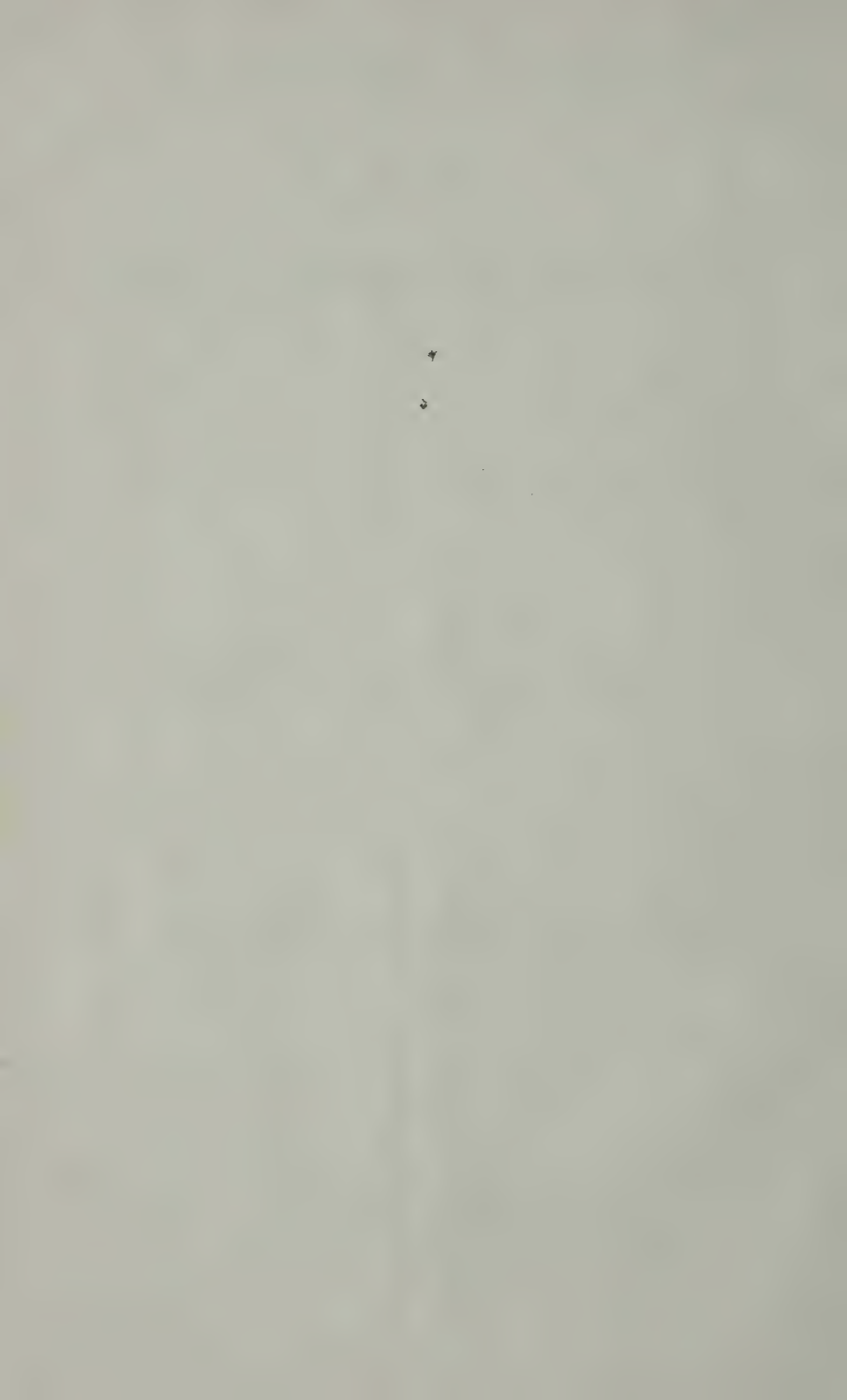
OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

For the Year Ending Feb. 16, 1874.

GREENFIELD, MASS.
FRANKLIN PRINTING OFFICE, (FIELD & HALL),

1874.



Report of School Committee.

In presenting this, our Annual Report, our thoughts run back over a period of twenty years, during which time one of your number (the retiring member) has been sixteen years a member of your committee.

Our intercourse with your schools has been such as to impart to us a knowledge of their history. During those years several thousand dollars has been expended in building and repairing school houses, and the sum of money annually appropriated to support the schools has more than doubled.

Our common schools are common property. Every citizen has an interest in them, and should manifest that interest by using his influence to render them efficiently useful. We have learned that several elements are indispensable to a successful school, prominent among which are a good teacher, adapted to his or her position, and the co-operation of parents. A lack of either of these will mar the results.

If your teachers are perfect, they will nevertheless need your co-operation, if defective they cannot effect success with your opposition. Visit the school during the term, and if you discover defects, instead of enlarging upon them in places of public resort where the scholars are liable to form a part of the company, or to those who will make this use of them, report them to the teacher or committee. Understand that you can aid or hinder the prosperity of the schools—aid it, we entreat you, and thus confer incalculable benefits upon the rising and future generations.

While the present plan of managing our schools is continued, labor to make it efficient, do not think that any plan can execute itself or can be executed with your opposition. With but few exceptions, for the last twenty years, our schools have been taught by females, in winter as well as in summer, and we feel safe in saying that these exceptions have generally shown the very worst specimens of teaching. There is an aptness in the female mind for communicating instruction that men do not in so great a degree possess.

The objection is often raised that they cannot govern as well as male teachers, but we believe they can, and from observation we are satisfied that not only the instruction, but the government in those schools taught by females, has been on the whole quite preferable to that in schools taught by males. We would earnestly recommend that the teachers of your schools be employed by the school committee, who have more to do than any one else with schools, attend more to the matter of teaching and are better acquainted with those who engage in this business. Selection needs to be made and discrimination used, matters which under the present system are little thought of.

A higher order of talent in many cases should be sought out and employed to serve you. Your good, and the good of the schools, demand this change.

Yet we believe in most instances where our schools have failed to accomplish the desired object, the true cause may be traced to parents. We will admit that the teachers may not have been fully equal to their tasks, yet had the parents instead of endeavoring to instill into the minds of their children that the school was a failure, by their sympathy with the teacher, endeavored to assist them, they would have been able at the close of the term, to have seen the good result of their labors. "Home education, home training, must walk hand in hand with the school room."

Parents complain that our schools fail to accomplish the purposes for which they were intended. Then we say search your own households and see if you cannot find something which if attended to by you will, in a measure, obviate this difficulty. If possible let there be a common cause, a common interest, and full sympathy between parents and teachers in all the affairs of the school. When the teacher has the co-operation of the parent it will be like sunshine and the making almost sure of success. Parents should not expect too much of schools, they should not think that in sending their children to school they have done all that belongs to them, and that their child is to become a well educated boy or girl, and that it is the duty of the teachers to instill all that is desirable, and to weed out all that is hurtful. Parents should show, and feel proper

respect for school and teacher, and they should be careful of expressing unfavorable opinions of either in presence of their children.

No child will respect a thing which he hears spoken of with disrespect at home. Both teacher and parent should try to trust and respect each other. The statements of children are by no means reliable either as to the facts or words used, not because they are not honestly meant, but because they are usually colored by feeling. They must not for this reason be taken without some examination. Let parents and teachers alike be cautious in imbibing prejudices against each other. No class of persons exert a greater influence on society than the teachers of our schools, and none should aspire to the vocation who do not appreciate in a good degree the responsibilities involved. Teachers should be good scholars; for how can they teach others accurately while their own education is defective. One important requisite is good common sense; whatever else they may possess, without this they are sure to fail. Scarcely less important is it, that they should have a thorough knowledge of human nature. There is a large amount of this element in men and some in children. Teachers meet it in its diversified forms and should be prepared to modify and properly direct it in its developement. Teachers should be careful to fulfill all their promises to the scholars even if some relate to punishments. The scholars will have more regard for them for pursuing a consistent course than they would by listening to threats, without witnessing their execution. The Committee call the attention of parents, to the good which might be accomplished by a more general visitation of the schools. In some districts the people have discharged this duty, and we take pleasure in awarding due credit, but in others there has been an unjustifiable neglect in this matter. It is much better for the parents to visit the schools, and judge of their condition than to depend on their children for the desired information. A whole neighborhood may be thrown into an uproar about a teacher against whom no just complaint can be made; and an impartial investigation of the facts, in the case, may result in evidence of a faithful performance of duty. Parents make a great mistake when

they neglect to become personally acquainted with their teacher and school and yet disparage both. They should never lend their ears to the complaints of their children against teachers, or sympathize with insubordination in school. Very few scholars are found, who do not at times require some sort of punishment; while the teacher should be judicious in its application, parents should be slow to interfere. Parents may aid teachers by a judicious course, or circumscribe their usefulness by an ill advised one. Do not forget that teachers are human, even the best of them, and how much they need your aid in the government of the school; and never give your teacher occasion to quote the remark of that teacher who, when asked if he did not find it difficult to govern his school, replied, that it was not so hard to govern his fifty scholars as their parents.

In a few districts some of those petty local difficulties, which are ever the legitimate offspring and natural result of the district system, have been obstacles in the way of the success of the schools. A healthy, united public sentiment in a district makes a prosperous and successful school. Divide public sentiment, allow it to degenerate into a genuine district quarrel, and you might as well close your school house.

In unity alone is strength and sure success. And we would just say here, that this system, together with the tenacity with which some hold to its spirit are barriers in the way of educational progress, and serve to trammel the efforts of the Committee for the instruction of the children of the Town. But we hope the Town will intrust its educational interest to careful and judicious persons, those who are competent to judge of its needs, and who are willing to labor to supply them as far as circumstances will permit, as the duties of their office allow.

Let your interest in your schools be increased rather than diminished. They are the boast of our land. Hold fast to that boast. Cherish then the common school.

ELIAS LYMAN,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
SCOTT DUNKLE,		
J. A. BARBER,		
Mrs. E. S. G. LYMAN,		
Miss E. BELCHER,		
Mrs. M. G. STARKWEATHER,		

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury, Feb. 18, 1873,.....		\$5,265 30
Corporation taxes,.....	400 56	
National Bank tax,.....	689 83	
Support of State paupers,.....	15 00	
Income of State school fund,.....	162 61	
State Aid received from State Treasury,.....	250 00	
Interest on surplus revenue,.....	71 00	
Use of town hall,.....	115 50	
		<hr/> \$1,704 50

TOWN ASSESSMENTS FOR 1863.

Contingent,	\$1,500 00	
Schools,.....	2,800 00	
Highways,.....	2,000 00	
State tax,.....	1,462 50	
County tax,.....	1,777 35	
Overlay,.....	86 12	
		<hr/> \$9,625 97
		<hr/> \$16,595 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,.....	\$1,462 50	
County tax,.....	1,777 35	
State Aid,.....	180 00	
Tomb in cemetery.....	300 00	
S. S. Eastman & Co., bill,.....	25 00	
Road Commissioner's orders,.....	163 35	
Outstanding orders of last year,.....	50 40	
Selectmen's orders,.....	3,568 12	
The several school districts,.....	2,838 28	
Balance in the treasury,.....	6,230 77	
		<hr/> \$16,595 77

RECAPITULATION OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,.....	\$809 73	
" " 2,.....	354 84	
" " 3,.....	160 17	
" " 4,.....	317 66	
" " 5,.....	182 89	
" " 6,.....	130 30	
" " 7 and 8,.....	303 90	
" " 12,.....	329 02	
" " 13,.....	249 77	
		<hr/> \$2,838 28

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Town bills as per report of Auditing Committee,.....	\$192 25
Elisha Alexander, 2d, for care of town clock,.....	15 00
M. S. Stearns, for breaking out roads in 1871,.....	1 75
David Aiken, counsel fees,.....	13 00
Hospital at Northampton for board of J. H. Blake,..	28 50
“ “ “ “ “ “	18 37
Charles Stratton, painting cemetery fence,.....	17 50
E. A. Janes, repair of ferry boat,.....	2 00
S. S. Holton, work on cemetery fence,.....	6 25
Henry Wright for support of poor in part,.....	8 00
Oil and paints for cemetery fence,.....	39 02
M. D. Stratton error in tax,.....	1 25
Austin Johnson, error in tax,.....	12 50
E. E. Belding, report on school district taxes,.....	6 00
Lucius Stimpson, mowing burying ground, and re- pairing fence,.....	6 25
Israel Lyman, wood for Town Hall,.....	23 10
Henry Wright, 2d, support of poor in part,.....	300 00
Chas. Pomeroy, abatement on Goodel land,.....	6 96
Henry Johnson, “ “ “ “	6 96
John C. Delvey, attending ferry,.....	25 00
Aaron Morgan, guideboards,.....	15 50
R. K. Caldwell, discount on taxes,.....	344 82
“ error in Wm. Merriam's tax,.....	2 00
“ “ Armina Holden,.....	6 25
H. W. Dickenson, keeping transient paupers,.....	27 50
R. K. Caldwell, services as Collector and Constable,.	81 50
H. B. Parker, water,.....	2 00
Charles Parmenter, keeping State pauper,.....	100 00
Dr. E. Stratton, attendance on “ “	44 00
Charles Parmenter, keeping State pauper,.....	52 75
Jos. Lyman, water,.....	3 50
George Alexander, blacksmithing,.....	8 62
John Barrett, water,.....	2 00
S. O. Lamb, counsel fees,.....	6 00
E. D. Merriam, collector's books,.....	3 00
Gilbert Hilliard, mowing cemetery,.....	4 00
S. G. Pratt, repairs of cemetery fence,.....	5 00
“ Town order blanks,.....	2 00
Charles Parmenter, care of State pauper,.....	11 12
S. G. Pratt, keeping transient paupers,.....	6 75
Henry Wright, 2d, support of poor,.....	30 00
Asa A. Holton, wood for Town Hall,.....	25 00
“ work on cemetery fence,.....	7 50
Asa A. Holton, keeping transient paupers,.....	32 50
E. W. Colton, surveying,.....	7 00

S. G. Pratt, work on cemetery fence,.....	3 30	
" clothing and medicine for State pauper,..	8 50	
Henry Wright, 2d, in part for support of poor,.....	100 00	
" " " 	175 00	
" " " 	115 50	
S. W. Dutton, services as Treasurer,.....	40 00	
" " Town Clerk, fees, express		
bills, etc.,	69 25	
		<hr/> \$2,071 87

ORDERS FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

David Belknap,.....	\$4 63	
Blanchard, Horace,.....	2 00	
Cobb, Hollis B. and Dale, Edward, each \$2.....	4 00	
Elmer, Amos.....	1 88	
Freeman, F. and Judd, J. B. each \$2.....	4 00	
Keeffe, Daniel and Lyman, Francis, each \$2.....	4 00	
Lyman, Gad C.....	3 82	
Lord, Sam'l S.....	4 13	
Mattoon, Thos. B.....	2 38	
Marsh, Mrs. Solomon.....	3 37	
O'Keeffe, Edward and Stearns, Wm A. each \$2,....	4 00	
Stewart, Chas. and Tice, Luther each \$2,.....	4 00	
		<hr/> \$42 21
		\$2,114 08

Orders for Repairs of Roads and Bridges.

Lucius Stimpson,.....	\$53 25	
Clesson Merriman,.....	20 75	
Wm. F. Piper,.....	46 00	
C. Merriman,.....	9 50	
Elisha A. Smith,.....	8 70	
H. W. Dickinson,.....	4 40	
H. W. Montague,.....	94 46	
C. Merriman,.....	46 00	
L. Nye,.....	47 75	
M. S. Stearns,....	57 95	
H. W. Montague,.....	6 40	
John Weeks,....	20 00	
Chas. Moore,.....	50 70	
Wm. F. Piper, \$16.70 and \$14.76,.....	31 46	
Isaac Mattoon,.....	21 75	
C. Merriman,.....	14 00	
C. L. Holton,.....	20 40	
Wm. F. Piper,.....	54 70	
C. Merriman, planks for bridges,.....	34 42	
H. W. Dickinson,.....	25 00	

Israel Lyman,.....	4 00	
Isaac Mattoon,.....	90 00	
Elish A. Smith,.....	50 00	
Wm. O. Knight,.....	20 00	
L. Nye,.....	50 20	
H. M. Montague,.....	65 40	
M. S. Stearns,.....	47 64	
D. T. Long,.....	135 00	
Isaac Mattoon,.....	22 70	
S. T. Walker,.....	38 00	
R. K. Caldwell,.....	14 12	
L. Nye,.....	9 25	
H. W. Montague,.....	24 42	
Wm. F. Piper,.....	13 15	
C. Merriman,.....	6 20	
C. Pomeroy,.....	168 20	
Isaac Murdock,.....	14 52	
John Weeks.....	11 60	
E. Wood,.....	2 05	
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Total current expenses,.....		\$1,454 04
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		\$2,114 08
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		\$3,568 12

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 16th, 1874.

Due to school district No. 1,.....	\$363 19	
" " " 2,.....	410 51	
" " " 3,.....	181 83	
" " " 4,.....	0 00	
" " " 5,.....	80 77	
" " " 6,.....	144 71	
" " " 7,.....	131 13	
" " " 12,.....	192 31	
" " " 13,.....	92 65	
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		\$1,597 10

DUE AS PER REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Asa A. Holton,.....	\$107 55	
Sam'l. G. Pratt,.....	64 90	
H. W. Dickinson,.....	72 25	
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		\$244 70

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

Elias Lyman,.....	10 00	
Mrs. E. S. G. Lyman,.....	25 00	
Mrs. G. M. Starkweather,.....	35 00	
Miss E. Belcher,.....	10 00	
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		\$80 00

H. W. Montague, bill for services as selectman, from February 14th, to March meeting 1873,.....		\$7 75
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AUDITING COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

R. K. Caldwell,.....	1 50	
H. W. Montague,.....	1 50	
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		\$3 00
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		\$335 45

DUE ON OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

J. S. Pickard, keeping transient paupers,.....	\$11 50	
C. L. Holton, work on highway,.....	8 10	
R. K. Caldwell, " "	1 62	
D. Priest, keeping transient paupers,.....	3 00	
Henry Wright, balance for support of poor,.....	200 00	
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		\$224 22

\$559 67

Balance in the treasury, Feb. 16, 1874,.....	\$6,230 77
Town debt,.....	2,156 77

Balance in favor of the Town,.....	\$4,074 00
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S. W. DUTTON, *Treasurer.*

Report of 1874

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

FINANCES,

OF THE

Town of Northfield,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 16, 1875.



GREENFIELD, MASS.
FRANKLIN COUNTY TIMES JOB PRINTING OFFICE.
1875.

Financial Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury Feb. 16, 1874,.....		\$6,230 77
Cash received from Co. Treasurer, dog fund for 1873,	127 06	
Auctioneer's License,.....	4 00	
Corporation taxes,.....	379 82	
State aid,.....	150 00	
National Bank tax,.....	656 50	
State school fund,.....	273 08	
From Co. Treasurer, dog fund for 1874,.....	138 48	
Interest on surplus revenue,.....	66 00	
Use of town hall,.....	110 00	
		<hr/> \$1,904 94

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1874.

Contingent,.....	\$1,725 00	
Schools, \$2,000 from balance in Treasury,.....		
Highways, \$1,000 from ".....	500 00	
State tax,.....	1,300 00	
County tax,.....	1,777 35	
Overlay,.....	249 27	
		<hr/> 5,551 62

\$13,687 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Field & Hall, bill for printing reports,.....	\$25 45
J. Lyons' bill for burial rests,.....	5 00
A. A. Rankin's bill for work on monument,.....	23 00
E. D. Merriam's bill for school books,.....	36 41
State Reform school, support of Dunham boy,.....	23 35
State aid paid,.....	96 00
Outstanding orders of last year,.....	231 22
Selectmen's orders,.....	4,494 66
State tax,.....	1,300 00
County tax,.....	1,777 35
Schools,.....	3,538 96
Balance in the Treasury,.....	2,135 93

\$13,687 33

RECAPITULATION OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.....	\$953 99
" " 2.....	470 50
" " 3.....	247 49
" " 4.....	284 87
" " 5.....	236 48
" " 6.....	250 60
" " 7.....	319 99
" " 10.....	154 29
" " 11.....	175 00
" " 12.....	281 10
" " 13.....	155 65
	<hr/> \$3,538 93

CURRENT EXPENSES.

PAID OUTSTANDING ORDERS AS FOLLOWS :

D. S. Priest for keeping transient paupers.....	\$3 00
Charles L. Holton for repairing road.....	8 10
E. W. Colton, bill for surveying.....	7 00
James S. Pickard for keeping transient paupers.....	11 50
R. K. Caldwell, work on road.....	1 62
H. Wright, 2d, in part support of poor.....	200 00
	<hr/> \$231 22

CASH PAID ON AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Asa A. Holton,	} Selectmen's Bills,	.....	\$107 55
S. G. Pratt,		.....	64 90
H. W. Dickinson,		.....	72 25
Elias Lyman,	} School Com.	.....	10 00
Mrs. E. S. G. Lyman,		.....	25 00
Mrs. G. M. Starkweather,		Bills,	35 00
Miss E. Belcher,		.....	10 00
H. W. Montague,.....		.....	9 25
R. K. Caldwell,.....		.....	1 50
		<hr/>	\$335 45
Charles Parmenter for keeping J. B. Starkey,.....		.....	\$78 00
L. T. Webster, sundries for town hall,.....		.....	8 81
R. K. Caldwell for posting warrants,.....		.....	3 00
Dr. E. Stratton for attendance of J. B. Starkey,....		.....	69 00
Town of Gill for expenses on Morgan ferry,.....		.....	41 20
S. G. Pratt for repairs of ferry boat,.....		.....	3 50
Elisha Nash for keeping J. B. Starkey,.....		.....	198 00
E. W. Colton, bill for surveying,.....		.....	10 75
R. K. Caldwell, error on assessment,.....		.....	1 88
" abatement of G. L. Doolittle's tax,		.....	2 38
Wm. I. Phelps, repairing plough.....		.....	2 00
Amount carried forward,		<hr/>	\$418 25

Amount brought forward,	\$418 52
Elias Lyman for school books for Murphy,.....	90
L. McIntire for drain pipe and grates,.....	129 09
Railroad for freight of grates,.....	10 30
A. Miller for repairing hearse,.....	55 00
A. A. Holton, cash paid for road scraper,.....	10 00
H. W. Dickinson for fence around burying ground,...	45 00
Michael Pigott, work on drain,.....	9 00
James Barry, " "	7 00
Thomas Grace, " "	8 00
Ralph A. Simonds for tending ferry,.....	60 50
S. G. Pratt for ferry boat,.....	77 50
C. C. Smith for ferry house,.....	80 00
Dr. E. Stratton for attendance on Hastings,.....	10 00
R. K. Caldwell, error in tax,.....	39
Charles Pomeroy, taxes on Perry land,.....	5 00
H. Wright, 2d. expense of getting hearse repaired,...	7 50
E. H. Starkey for blacksmith work,.....	2 90
R. K. Caldwell for services as Constable,.....	24 60
James S. Pickard for keeping transient paupers,....	4 00
S. G. Pratt for work on ferry house,.....	12 00
Abram Wright and others for drawback in S. District (No. 10.).....	33 91
Russell Sheldon, abatement of tax,.....	2 00
A. A. Holton for keeping transient paupers,.....	34 50
H. W. Dickinson " "	84 85
H. Wright, 2d, in part support of poor,.....	700 00
" att. hearse, return of deaths, and mowing cemetery,.....	54 25
" care of town hall and town clock,....	84 70
S. W. Dutton, services as treasurer,.....	40 00
" town clerk fees and bills paid,.....	68 55
S. H. Moody for discount on taxes,.....	228 59
" services as Collector,.....	66 60
	<hr/> \$1,690 34
	<hr/> \$2,933 82

ORDERS FOR REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

William Bass for breaking roads,.....	\$2 00
Charles Pomeroy for repairing roads,.....	21 10
D. T. Long " "	6 20
William O. Knight " "	2 66
Philander Pierce " "	4 50
Elisha A. Smith " " in 1873,.....	13 25
William Arlin " "	1 50
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$51 21

Amount brought forward,		\$51 21
Lucius Stimpson for breaking roads in 1873.....	2 00	
J. S. Dunklee for work on roads.....	240 00	
S. G. Pratt " ".....	25 00	
D. T. Long " ".....	60 00	
Myron Chapin " ".....	55 13	
S. G. Pratt " ".....	80 00	
Myron Chapin " ".....	24 80	
		<hr/> \$538 14
J. A. Williams for plank for bridges.....	\$50 94	
Erisha Nash for work on road.....	5 00	
Henry T. Hart " ".....	11 25	
Jesse S. Dunklee " ".....	35 00	
Jesse S. Dunklee " ".....	50 00	
F. Whithead " ".....	70 00	
Sumner H. Collar " ".....	44 65	
Henry T. Hart " ".....	12 00	
J. S. Dunklee " ".....	50 00	
J. S. Dunklee " ".....	15 00	
Wright L. Arling " ".....	4 00	
S. S. Holton " ".....	7 00	
Alexander Holton " ".....	12 95	
A. A. Holton " ".....	31 00	
William Burrows " ".....	72 60	
		<hr/> \$471 39
		<hr/> \$1,009 53
David T. Long for work on roads.....	\$50 00	
Sumner H. Collar " ".....	7 50	
Moses Merrill " ".....	9 00	
Ira Coy " ".....	1 80	
C. T. Swan " ".....	4 70	
S. G. Pratt " ".....	75 00	
J. S. Dunklee " ".....	25 00	
J. A. Barber for plank for bridges.....	19 80	
Lester Hale for work on road.....	15 80	
D. T. Long " ".....	85 00	
Wm. Burrows " ".....	4 00	
Myron Chapin " ".....	16 80	
H. W. Dickinson " ".....	50 00	
D. T. Long " ".....	58 00	
J. N. Coles " ".....	11 10	
		<hr/> \$433 50
Sumner H. Collar for work on road.....	\$10 00	
Myron Chapin " ".....	26 28	
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$36 28

Amount brought forward,

\$36 28

John Dale for work on road,	7 40
Jos. B. Pierce " "	6 00
Stephen Keet " "	4 00
G. R. Stebbins " "	2 80
H. W. Dickinson " "	93 70
F. Whithead " "	6 40
J. N. Coles " "	10 90
Lyman Gilbert " "	18 00
Samuel Johnson " "	6 00
H. B. Parker " "	15 50
David T. Long " "	20 80
Asa A. Holton " "	30 27
J. S. Dunklee " "	9 58

\$267 63

\$1,710 66

ORDERS FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Edgar E. Belding,	\$2 00
Jon. H. Blake,	2 00
Ed. Coty,	2 13
Benjamin Hastings,	2 00
Gad C. Lyman,	2 00
Albert H. Levalley,	2 00
Samuel G. Lord,	2 15
John Lewey,	3 14
Caleb Maynard, Jr.,	6 31
Jonathan May,	1 63
Solomon Marsh,	4 17
Charles H. Mack,	2 00
Fred. Moore,	2 00
William B. Pratt,	5 09
George H. Turner,	2 00
Wheeler Watton,	2 00
Charles H. Washburn,	2 00
Thomas Smead,	3 25
David Belknap,	1 30
David O'Keeffe,	2 00
William Farnsworth,	2 20
L. L. Doolittle,	2 00
William Dale,	2 00
Elisha Nash,	2 00

\$59 28

S. H. MOODY FOR ERRORS IN TAXES, AS FOLLOWS:

Fred. Morgan's tax,	\$6 51
Robert Leith's tax,	6 51
Michael Logan's tax,	6 50
George F. Moody's tax,	2 60

\$22 12

\$81 40

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN FEB. 16, 1875.

Due to School District No. 1,.....	\$	
“ “ “ 2,.....	276	89
“ “ “ 3,.....	115	21
“ “ “ 4,.....		
“ “ “ 5,.....	2	40
“ “ “ 6,.....	6	60
“ “ “ 7,.....	7	87
“ “ “ 10,.....		
“ “ “ 11,.....		
“ “ “ 12,.....	143	29
“ “ “ 13,.....	78	04
	<hr/>	\$630 40

DUE AS PER REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.
SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Asa A. Holton,.....	\$128	30
S. G. Pratt,.....	105	00
H. W. Dickinson,.....	126	87
	<hr/>	\$360 17

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

R. C. Ward,.....	\$41	25
Mrs. E. S. G. Lyman,.....	20	00
Mrs. G. M. Starkweather,.....	16	25
	<hr/>	\$77 50

AUDITOR'S BILLS.

R. K. Caldwell,.....	\$3	00
Ira Coy,.....	2	00
H. W. Montague,.....	2	00
	<hr/>	\$7 00

DUE ON OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

Henry Wright, 2d, for keeping poor,.....	\$100	00
E. W. Colton for surveying,.....	5	00
	<hr/>	\$105 00
Due for 320 copies of the History of Northfield, at		
\$4, less \$1 paid,.....		\$960 00
	<hr/>	\$2,141 07

BALANCE IN THE TREASURY,

This 16th day of February, 1875,.....	\$2,135	93
Balance against the town,.....	\$4	14

S. W. DUTTON, Treasurer.

Report of Overseers of Poor.



OUR contract with Henry Wright, 2d, for the past three years expires on the 3d of April next. In our visits to Mr. Wright's we have found everything in a very satisfactory condition. The following named persons have been fully supported the past year: Seth Field, deceased, aged 85; Adelaide Field, 72; Hubbard Phelps, 75; Lucretia Sawyer, 41; Cornelius Leary, 45; Mrs. Willard Stratton, 65. The following named persons have been partially supported during the past year: Mrs. Keziah Bent, aged about 55; Chauncey Kimpland, 42; Esther Pratt, 30; William Webster, about 87, and wife, 77; Mrs. Zebina Marsh, 70; P. Fitzgerald and family; Horace Robbins and family, and J. H. Blake, 67. Miss Mary Pearson is being fully supported at the Insane Hospital at Worcester. Those fully supported by the town are provided for at the house of Mr. Wright, with the exception of Miss Mary Pearson.

ASA A. HOLTON,	} <i>Overseers of the</i>	
SAMUEL G. PRATT,		<i>Poor</i>
H. W. DICKINSON,		<i>of Northfield.</i>

Northfield, Feb. 18, 1875.

Report of School Committee.



THE duty of making this Report to the town devolves upon the Chairman of the School Committee; hence, I use the personal pronoun, singular, that the remaining members of the committee may not be made unwilling endorsers of my views.

I am compelled from want of time to treat of the schools in no other than a general way, however much I may wish to make special mention of each teacher and her school. Could I present to the public the result of each teacher's labor, it would materially lessen the number of applications for schools from incompetent teachers.

Under whatever system our Public Schools may be conducted in the future, their success must wholly depend upon the qualifications of our teachers. I do not mean by qualifications a proficiency of book knowledge, but certain traits, or peculiarities, (if we may so call them) which enables the possessor to master the situation.

Order, "Heaven's first law," should be the first law of a school, and should be preserved without apparent labor on the part of the teacher. This may be easily accomplished if teacher and scholars are interested in each other, and *all* interested in the prima object of the school. To say that our schools have been successful in every instance, would be to grossly misrepresent them, and where lies the fault? In every instance it is traceable to the teacher. It is customary to beg the forbearance of parents, in regard to the treatment of the'r children in school; I am pleased to report that I know not of a single case where this forbearance was not given without even the asking. There are times when this ceases to be a virtue, and may it not be when generous wages are paid for a very poor school. You ask, "Why do the school committee tolerate a poor school?" I answer: "Because Public Opinion is a formidable enemy, and one before whom the school committee may stop, with fear and trembling."

The School Law of Mass. *commands* the school committee to visit each and every school, at stated times, to examine their proficiency, to supply all wants in books, &c., and *gives directions how the school shall be conducted.*

Under the present system of employing teachers, it is difficult, in all cases, to make suggestions in regard to governing our schools, without creating dissatisfaction on the part of teachers, prudential committees and parents.

With far too many of our teachers, *money* has been the principal object for which they have taught. It is needless to say that this class of teachers have failed. They succeed in *keeping* school, because we have few, if any, unruly boys ; but fail in *teaching* school. They pass monotonously through the routine of every day school life, making as little impression on the minds of their pupils for good, as the immersion of your hand in a pail of water. Another failure on the part of some, is an effort to cultivate memory at the expense of reason. Our school houses are flooded with books, and teachers are prone to follow the text book, rather than develop the thinking faculties. A scholar will tell you readily how many cords of wood in a pile 18 feet long, 7 feet high, and 3 feet wide ; provided, the example is found in his book ; but, if you ask him the same question on his way *to* or *from* school, he fails to give you a correct solution. We do not want automatic scholars.

Some teachers have failed to meet their own wishes in the development of their schools ; this is no fault of the teacher. They have from 20 to 40 scholars, and nearly as many classes ; in studies from the infant A B C, to the higher mathematics. Some must be wholly neglected, or all grossly slighted. Two ways present themselves for the reduction of this evil ; partially, at least. 1st, a graded school to which all may go who wish to pursue a course of study in branches above a certain grade. 2d, a return to the old method, of teaching only Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Reading, Writing and Spelling. This last is beyond our reach, however much we may deprecate the multiplicity of school books ; hence, the first is our alternative.

Whether we have a graded school or not, rests wholly with the legal voters, not with the school committee.

Our schools are poorly supplied with apparatus. This is owing to the neglect of the school committee in not demanding and appropriating 25 per cent. of the Mass. school fund. No one questions the utility of school apparatus, properly used. When furnished the school, I would make the teacher in part responsible for its care ; also, responsible for mutilating and disfiguring school houses. A little exertion on the

part of the teachers may preserve our School Houses in a condition to reflect honor, rather than shame, upon our town.

Finally, I would have our teachers fully know that the town of Northfield will not pay from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year, without a fair compensation.

Differences of opinion in school districts, for the past year, have not been of such a character as to trammel the action of the School Committee.

Each district has had, or will have, its twenty-four weeks school, in accordance with SECT. 1, Chap. 38, Gen. Statutes, 1860; also, in accordance with a vote of the town, in November, 1874.

Your Committee have endeavored to be impartial in their doings with the schools in different parts of the town. Unable to see any distinction in a school of 50 scholars and one of 10 scholars, under the present system, other than in numbers, they have insisted upon the same qualifications for all teachers. That our schools may be consolidated and maintained at less expense to the town, I think needs no argument.

It is contended by many that monopolies are fatal to a republican government. However true this may be, no one denies but harmonious union promotes strength; and such we would hope to have, if we adopt the town system of conducting our schools.

If school houses could be built without money or effort, I would strongly urge the reconstruction of *most*, if not *all* of them, with the view of æsthetics and proper ventilation.—The school house should be as attractive as the finest home, and scholars taught to so regard it. Proper ventilation of public buildings has occupied the attention of eminent men; therefore, it may be deemed an important subject. Open windows and doors are the means of ventilating our school rooms, and this pernicious way is too often made known by scholars being compelled to remain at home one week or more, from hard colds.

In pursuance to a law recently enacted, it becomes the duty of the school committee to appoint two or more truant officers, and fix their compensation; which duty has been performed. That these officers may work, it is necessary that the town should do its duty, as laid down in same Chapter. When this shall have been done, truants may become unknown to us.

Too many parents compel their children to remain at home whose ages fall within the limit that the law compels to attend school, a stated number of consecutive weeks, each year. This attendance at school is not optional with parent, or committee, but compulsory by law, except those who come within the scope of SECT. 1, Chap. 41 ; General Statutes, 1860.

At the earnest solicitation of most of our teachers, the school committee decided to change the Geographies used in our public schools. This was not done without a strict examination of several different books, and a strong conviction that the change would be beneficial. The change was made in conformity with the last clause of SECT. 28, Chap. 38 ; General Statutes, 1860. According to SECT. 29, same Chap., the committee have furnished text books at 10 per cent. above cost.

Under whatever system the town may conduct their schools in the future, I trust they will elect for school committee those persons whose fear of public censure, or love of abject flattery and fulsome fawning will not prevent them from doing that which they know to be their duty. Elect those in whose judgment you can with safety confide. Withhold your censure, until by thorough examination you are convinced they are in the wrong. Cheerfully support them, in all their endeavors to promote the welfare of our schools. Blame them not if they dismiss an incompetent teacher though she be a second cousin. In this report I have discarded all flattery, preferring to show wherein we fail that we may improve. Honest criticism is far better than thoughtless flattery. Incomplete though it may be, I submit it for your consideration ; hoping, that in candor you will criticise, rejecting the worthless and profiting by the good, if any there be.

R. C. WARD,

Chairman School Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
FOR 1875—76.



GREENFIELD, MASS.
FRANKLIN PRINTING OFFICE, (FIELD & HALL).
1876.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

No. of Polls, 436.

No. of Dwelling Houses, 378.

No. of Horses, 365.

No. of Cows, 626.

No. of Sheep, 485.

No. of acres Land assessed, 20,011.

Total valuation of personal estate.....	\$107,255 00
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Total valuation of real estate	596,819 00
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Total valuation,	\$704,074 00
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Total amount of taxes assessed,.....	10,770 55
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Rate per cent., \$1.40.

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1875.

For schools.....	\$2,500 00
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“ contingent.....	2,000 00
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“ highways and bridges.....	2,000 00
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“ Pine Meadow road	900 00
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“ State tax.....	1,300 00
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“ County tax.....	1,777 35
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“ Overlay.....	293 20
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	\$10,770 55
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. W. DUTTON, *Treasurer,*

IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

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To cash in the treasury on settlement, Feb. 16, 1875,	\$2,135 93	
“ borrowed by selectmen.....	1,200 00	
“ received of C. Osgood, liquor license	50 00	
“ “ L. T. Webster, “	50 00	
“ borrowed by selectmen	450 00	
“ received for auctioneer licenses.....	10 00	
“ “ of Town of Gill, on settlement....	126 75	
“ “ Town of Charlemont	15 25	
“ corporation tax.....	451 88	
“ State aid.....	96 00	
“ national bank tax.....	671 53	
“ from State school fund.....	263 37	
“ dog fund.....	117 32	
“ 309 copies of Town Histories to subscribers,	309 00	
“ one copy sold	4 00	
“ interest on surplus revenue fund	75 07	
“ use of town hall.....	110 00	
“ in part of expense surveying town lines....	2 22	
		\$6,138 32
“ Town assessment as per assessors report...		10,770 55
		<u>\$16,908 87</u>

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By cash Wm. Metcalf, printing town reports.....	\$28 00
“ J. L. Hammett, school books	160 77
“ Joel Munsell, for 317 copies Town Histories,	1,268 00
“ borrowed money and interest.....	454 75
“ Northampton Lunatic Asylum, support of E. Stimpson.....	21 00
“ County tax.....	1,777 35
“ State tax	1,300 00
“ State aid.....	111 00
“ Worcester Lunatic Hospital, bills from Aug. 25, 1874 to Jan., 1876	251 72

To cash State treasurer, 1-4 liquor license fees.....	\$25 00
“ Orders drawn by selectmen.....	5,661 01
“ Orders drawn by school committee.....	2,843 61
“ balance in treasury.....	3,006 66
	<hr/> \$16,908 87

RECAPITULATION OF SCHOOLS.

District No 1.....	\$491 25
“ 2.....	416 72
“ 3.....	327 00
“ 4.....	242 28
“ 5.....	169 25
“ 6.....	161 00
“ 7.....	150 38
“ 10.....	157 00
“ 11.....	175 60
“ 12.....	325 63
“ 13.....	227 50
	<hr/> \$2,843 61

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Asa A. Holton, services as selectman	\$144 30
S. G. Pratt “ “	105 00
H. W. Dickinson.....	126 87
R. C. Ward, services as school committee	41 25
Mrs. E. S. G. Lyman.....	20 00
Mrs. M. Starkweather.....	16 25
S. W. Dutton, services as treasurer.....	40 00
“ “ town clerk.....	25 50
R. K. Caldwell, service on auditing committee.....	3 00
H. W. Montague	2 00
Ira Coy.....	2 00
	<hr/> \$526 17

MISCELLANEOUS.

L. G. Brown, coffin for A Webster.....	\$10 00
Long & Fisher, ferry boat	224 00
Spencer & Co. of Keene, 2 road scrapers and freight.	16 90
L. T. Webster, cash paid for sundries	16 73
Liberty Page, bridge plank.....	18 10
Nelson Burrows, bridge plank.....	19 76
A. C. Parsons, agent on Pine Meadow road... ..	58 00
C. & J. Allen, bridge plank	29 82
Freeman Hilliard, digging grave, &c.....	4 00
E. W. Colton, surveying town lines.....	12 40
E. O. Felton, building bridge near Sawyer mill.....	115 00
Shepard Holden, railing on highway	14 50

Dr. Deane of Montague, attendance on C. Barrett...	\$12 00
M. H. Day, building Pine Meadow road.....	900 00
Paid for tomb at So. Farms.....	108 59
C. A. Moulton, sundries furnished C. Pratt.....	5 91
S. G. Pratt, cash paid on account of ".....	11 82
S. H. Moody, services as collector and constable....	96 00
Henry Wright, 2d, driving hearse.....	61 50
" " care of town hall.....	44 50
" " return of deaths and care of tomb,	16 25
" " mowing cemetery.....	7 00
" " lodging and feeding 217 tramps..	174 12
Elisha Alexander, 2d, care of town clock.....	15 00
Powers Paper Co., order book.....	6 25
Geo. E. Selleck, printing town orders	1 75
John A. Barrett, timber for bridge.....	5 58
Town of Montague, support of E. Britt.....	20 00
Fisher & Britton, wood for town hall.....	21 87
H. C. Childs, insurance of town hall	44 50
Wm. B. Bent, damages on highway	5 00
S. H. Moody, collector, discounts on taxes	373 73
S. G. Pratt, keeping tramps.....	9 04
" cash paid sundry expenses.....	14 42
L. T. Webster, cash paid sundry expenses	20 17
Expenses for Mrs. Lucretia Belknap.....	110 50
J. L. Preston, care of poor, per contract	750 00
S. W. Dutton, cash paid freight and express bills ...	9 89
" " b. books and postage	7 85
" fees for recording marriages, births and	
deaths	28 80
Jonah Bent, drawing out ferry boat	10 00
Asa A. Holton, keeping tramps.....	73 75
H. W. Dickinson, " "	16 25
A. D. Stearns, repairs on town hall.....	5 50
L. T. Webster, sundries for use of town hall, 1874...	12 54
A. A. Holton, services as selectman	16 00
S. G. Pratt, " "	13 50
H. W. Dickinson, " "	14 00
A. A. Holton, expenses to Boston voted by the town	14 00
George Alexander, blacksmith work.....	8 12
Henry Wright, 2d, expenses to Boston, on pauper	
case	8 25
S. G. Pratt, cash paid for sundry expenses	21 75
E. W. Colton, surveying Pine Meadow road.....	5 00
H. Wright, 2d, balance for support of poor.....	100 00
J. B. Putney, work on highway, 1874.....	7 50
O. T. Greenlief, " " "	7 50

Joseph Lyman, water trough	\$3 50	
L. T. Webster, sundries for use of town.....	13 14	
	<hr/>	\$3,771 55

ABATEMENTS.

S. H. Moody, collector, sundry poor mens' taxes....	\$68 98	
Chas. Pomeroy, taxes on Perry farm.....	6 67	
Henry Johnson, " " " for two years ..	11 67	
Elliott Lyman, error in 1874.....	2 00	
D. L. Crandall, "	3 35	
H. W. Montague	1 40	
Geo. W. Moore, (Warwick,).....	3 60	
J. L. Banks, error.....	9 40	
	<hr/>	\$107 07

HIGHWAYS.

E. H. Smith.....	\$26 47
F. Whitehead.....	25 30
James N. Coles.....	10 50
A. W. Stevens.....	3 00
S. H. Collar.....	3 10
J. B. Putney.....	1 05
Benjamin Davis	90
J. B. Pierce.....	2 25
Sylvenus Field, labor and team	16 14
Oscar Wood, " "	59 21
Ira Coy	55 52
J. L. Preston.....	1 60
Jas. E. Priest, team work.....	9 90
Chas. H. Janes	19 92
J. A. Dresser.....	20 55
Israel Lyman.....	4 50
Thos. Quinlan.....	6 00
R. K. Caldwell	19 30
George R. Stebbins	3 90
Isaac Murdock	4 88
Wm. M. Reedj.	10 62
Michael Pigott.....	90
Isaac Mattoon.....	3 42
L. D. Phipps.....	6 90
E. E. Russell.....	6 12
Chester Howard.....	7 38
Moses Merrill	11 50
John Dale.....	18 25
Frank H. Newton.....	2 52
Wright L. Arling	3 60
Stephen Keet.....	16 59

Thomas Mason.....	\$71 33
M. M. Darling.....	15 08
Landman Nye	29 00
James Fisher, team work.....	99 00
M. S. Stearns.....	25 69
N. W. Purple.....	31 16
Wm. Burrows, team work.....	47 16
Wm. F. Caldwell.....	38 66
H. H. Johnson	3 50
George Holton	2 47
Henry Wright, team work.....	43 74
Chas, Pomeroy	7 55
John H. Robbins.....	5 29
Joel Randall.....	2 90
H. E. Wells	6 66
George Stebbins.....	1 80
J. L. Mattoon, team work	35 02
Edwin Lyman.....	11 56
Lester Hale	3 78
Myron Chapin.....	6 40
Charles Robbins.....	4 25
Earl Chapin.....	2 90
Wm. F. Piper.....	2 90
Ansel Collar, with team.....	27 84
S. G. Pratt	41 37
Ezekiel Janes	5 40
Edward C. Nash.....	16 34
Freeman Hilliard.....	7 70
Joseph Burton.....	4 50
Frederic G. Morgan....	2 70
A. Bell.....	6 00
A. J. Leach.....	3 50
Lyman Gilbert.....	14 80
Sam'l Johnson.....	8 75
James Campbell.....	3 60
S. G. Wildes.....	1 70
Cyrus Holton	2 50
John P. Wentworth.....	3 00
S. H. Moody, for highway work discounted on taxes,	526 48
	<hr/> \$1,555 77

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN FEB. 16th, 1876.

Selectmen's note for money borrowed, and interest,.. \$1,260 00

Due as per report of Auditors. Selectmen's Bills.

L. T. Webster..... \$106 86

S. G. Pratt	102 65	
Jas. E. Priest.....	54 80	
	<hr/>	\$264 31

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

R. C. Ward.....	\$65 00	
Geo. H. Ryther.....	18 75	
	<hr/>	\$83 75

AUDITORS' BILLS.

R. K. Caldwell.....	\$2 00	
Ira Coy.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$4 00

HIGHWAY BILLS.

Jas. E. Priest.....	\$34 51	
P. Preston	2 70	
E. E. Belding....	6 80	
J. B. Morgan, bridge tools in 1874.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$48 01

Orders outstanding on settlement.....	\$299 55
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Balance in the Treasury.....	\$3,006 66	
Balance in favor of the Town...		1,047 04
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		\$3,006 66

S. W. DUTTON, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The contract with Henry Wright, 2d, who has supported the poor for the last three years, expired with the fourth of April last. A new contract has been entered into with Jona. L. Preston, for their support for the term of three years from the above time. The following persons have been fully supported the past year, to wit :

Hubbard Phelps, 76 ; Mrs. Willard Stratton, 66 ; Jesse Kimpland, 73 ; Adalaide Field, 73 ; Lucretia Sawyer, 42 ; Jona. H. Blake, 68.

The following persons have been partially supported : William Webster, 89 ; George L. Doolittle, 55 ; George H. Doolittle, 13 ; Alvah Kimpland, 50 ; M. M. Morgan, 48 ; Mrs. Zebina Marsh, 70 ; Elhanan Britt, 36 ; Flora Stimpson, 22 ; George Nye, 3. Mrs. Mary Pearson is being fully supported at the Insane Asylum at Worcester, at the expense of the town, outside Mr. Preston's contract.

Those fully supported by him are mostly aged and infirm persons, and with the exception of Jonas H. Blake, are all provided for at Mr. Preston's own house, where we were pleased to see and feel that through the kindness of himself and family, they are receiving all the care and comforts of a good home.

L. T. WEBSTER. } *Overseers*
SAM'L G. PRATT, } *of the Poor.*

Northfield, Feb. 18th, 1876.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

How can our common schools be made the most profitable? This cannot be done by crowding into them such a number of different studies, but rather a wise selection of the more practical and important branches. The law prescribes certain studies to be taught in all of our common schools, and makes it obligatory upon the School Committee to visit the schools, during the first week of each session, and say what each scholar shall study. This your Committee have not done, thinking parents as good, if not better, judges as to the peculiar traits of their children. Every child should be educated in the fundamental branches, but beyond that it should be wholly elective. Under our present system (if fully adopted), pupils are taught something of everything, but everything of nothing. We often find scholars attempting to pursue three or four different studies, getting some knowledge of all, but mastering none. The numerous text-books, with which our schools are filled, are not beneficial; for they contain so much that is of no practical use, scholars forget much of what they have learned, and thus it becomes time thrown away. We may not be able to correct this evil, still there are changes which we can make, that your Committee think would be far better than the present system. Let us reduce the number of schools. Some of our schools are so small that they fail to interest teachers or scholars. In these schools we find but little, if any, competition, scholars being content to pass over the same ground each term, and teachers, seemingly, satisfied themselves. Progress, in such schools, seems almost unknown. It is quite difficult to secure the services of experienced teachers, even at remunerative wages. To secure this change in the number of schools, with no inconvenience to any, is a task

of no small magnitude; but that the ultimate results of such change would be for the interest of the schools, there can be no doubt.

The need of a central Graded School is felt by all who have sons and daughters to educate. The expense of opening and maintaining such a school, seems to be the only barrier. Such a school would not only enable us to fit our scholars for the active duties of life, but would exert a harmonizing influence over different sections of the town. It being the property of all, all would be interested. A well-conducted graded school would be an honor to the town, and the pride of the inhabitants.

The impossibility of having good schools in poor houses, has been urged by many. Much more depends upon the teacher than the house; still, the importance of having commodious, neat, and healthy school-houses, can hardly be over-estimated. Whatever the condition of the house, it should never be condemned by the parents or teacher. A constant censure, in the presence of scholars, can but have a baneful influence. The school-house should be considered by our children next to, if not equal in importance, with the church. When scholars lose respect for the old school-house, the teacher's labor is crippled. Let us make them worthy the respect of all, then respect them as their office deserves.

A hearty co-operation of parents and teacher would result in the avoidance of many petty difficulties that harass both teachers and Committee. If, to us, it seems that our child has been unjustly punished, both the prosperity of the school, and the welfare of the child, demand an overlooking of such an error on the part of the teacher. Should the punishment be such that we cannot treat it in this manner, let us go quietly to the teacher, without the child's knowledge, and, if a just and reasonable excuse is not given by the teacher, it should be sufficient reason for dismissal. Such instances are more rare than could be wished. The teacher is quite fortunate, who does not receive a scathing denunciation in the presence of the whole family. Surely this does not injure the teacher or school nearly so much as it does the child.

The age at which children should be sent to school, is a question of vital importance to them. They are considered mature enough at five years, to attend school, but not compelled to do so by the law. During the past year there is reported, in the school register, three instances of children under five years attending school. What can be the motive of parents for sending their children to school so young? If such children are encouraged in learning, ere long their minds become crippled, as the infant's limbs would from too early use, or deficient material. When such mental deformity occurs, nature seldom comes to the rescue. At what age should children attend school? This depends somewhat upon the child; if a certain age is to be prescribed for all, let it be eight years old, at least. At fourteen, with proper teaching, you will have as much mind developed as though you commenced at five, if not more. Here we see the efficiency of the Kindergarten system of teaching: The mind is developed as it matures, without taxing either body or brain.

The list of visitors to our schools, kept in each school register is largely sprinkled with the names of those who go to see some mate or friend. Parents (although having done quite well in the past), we hope may do more of this work in the future. Go, not to see a favorite teacher, or how your boy or girl is treated, but to learn whether the school is a success or not. Teachers are not slow in detecting whether you come to examine the school, or their management of your children. If the last be your motive, be assured that you may often be deceived. A friendly suggestion by parents is often a great help to the teacher and may prevent difficulties that might arise from the teacher's ignorance of some peculiarity of the child.

In visiting our schools, we can but notice the absence of some scholars, whose presence is most desirable, to conform with the strong position taken by their parents, that the schools must be kept the prescribed six months. This time properly divided into terms, is no more than children, of suitable age, should attend school each and every year.

For the benefit of the school committee, the following is subjoined:

Substituted for Sections 1 and 2, Chap. 41. Gen. Stat.—

“Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, at least twenty weeks; which time shall be divided into two terms, each of ten consecutive weeks, so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow; and for every neglect of such duty the party offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if the party so neglecting, was not able, by reason of poverty, to send such child to school, or such child has attended a private day school, approved by the school committee of such city or town, for a like period of time; or is regularly attending a public or private day school, known as half-time school, also approved by them, or that such child has been otherwise furnished with the means of education for a like period of time, or has already acquired the branches of learning taught in the public schools; or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, the penalty before mentioned shall not be incurred: *provided*, that no objection shall be made by the school committee to any such school on account of the religious teaching in said school.”

Many cases of violation of the above have occurred, but your committee have not employed the truant officers from the fact that many did not know the existence of such a law, not having had their attention called to this subject.

**A DETAILED STATEMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF
EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

DISTRICT No. 1.

Number of weeks school, 26; greatest number of scholars, 89; average attendance for the year, 71.

Wages and board of teachers	\$444 00	
Wood	48 25	
Care of rooms	9 75	
Furniture and chalk	2 75	
Cleaning rooms	4 00	
Repairs	13 92	
		<hr/> \$522 67

Average expense per scholar, \$5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Number of weeks school, 26; greatest number of scholars, 50; average attendance for the year, 42.

Wages and board of teachers	\$270 73	
Wood.....	23 72	
Care of room	4 25	
Furniture and chalk	75	
Cleaning room	1 25	
Repairs.....	3 90	
	<hr/>	\$304 60

Average expense per scholar, \$6.09+.

Your committee thought it best to divide this school for the winter term. The number of weeks school, number of scholars, and average of attendance include the whole district, as district No. 1. The whole expense of the primary school, for ten weeks, was \$67.73, making the \$270.73.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Number of weeks school, 25 ; greatest number of scholars, 28 ; average attendance for the year, 20.

Wages and board of teacher.....	\$206 00	
Wood.....	16 00	
Care of room	3 45	
Furniture and chalk	50	
Cleaning house.....	3 00	
Repairs	8 35	
	<hr/>	\$237 30

Average expense per scholar, \$8.47+.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Number of weeks school, 25 ; greatest number of scholars, 30 ; average attendance for the year, 24.

Wages and board of teachers	\$208 50	
Wood.....	32 03	
Care of room	3 80	
Furniture and chalk	85	
Cleaning room	1 50	
Repairs	5 16	
	<hr/>	\$251 84

Average expense per scholar, \$8.39+.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Number of weeks school, 24 ; greatest number of scholars, 20 ; average attendance for the year, 12.

Wages and board of teacher	\$156 00	
Wood.....	12 00	
Care of room.....	2 50	
Chalk... ..	25	
Cleaning room	1 00	
Repairs	25	
	<hr/>	\$172 00

Average expense per scholar, \$8.60.

This school being quite small, your committee allowed children from Erving to attend, which would make the average expense appear smaller.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Number of weeks school, 24 ; greatest number of scholars, 16 ; average attendance for the year, 12.

Wages and board of teacher	\$156 00	
Wood.....	2 75	
Care of room	1 00	
Furniture and cnalk	50	
Cleaning room.....	50	
Repairs	75	
	<hr/>	\$161 50

Average expense per scholar, \$10.09+.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Number of weeks school, 26 ; greatest number of scholars, 14 ; average attendance for the year, 9.

Wages and board of teachers.....	\$179 00	
Wood	16 94	
Care of room.....	3 70	
Furniture and chalk	50	
Cleaning room	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$201 64

Average expense per scholar, \$14.40.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Number of weeks school, 24 ; greatest number of scholars, 12 ; average attendance for the year, 10.

Wages and board of teacher.....	\$156 00	
Wood.....	12 00	
Care of room.....	1 70	
Furniture and chalk	65	
Cleaning room	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$171 35

Average expense per scholar, \$14.27+.

We have not yet received a bill of the wood furnished, but it cannot exceed the \$12.00.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Number of weeks school, 24 ; greatest number of scholars, 11 ; average attendance for the year, 7.

Wages and board of teacher	\$156 00	
Wood.....	3 00	
Care of room.....	1 60	
Furniture and chalk	2 25	
Cleaning room	1 00	
Repairs	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$165 85

Average expense per scholar, \$15.07.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Number of weeks school, 26 ; greatest number of scholars, 32 ; average attendance for the year, 24.

Wages and board of teachers	\$212 25	
Wood.....	21 56	
Care of room	4 05	
Furniture and chalk	50	
Cleaning room.....	2 00	
Repairs	12	
	<hr/>	\$240 48

Average expense per scholar, \$7.51.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Number of weeks school, 26 ; greatest number of scholars, 25 ; average attendance for the year, 15.

Wages and board of teacher.....	\$179 00	
Wood.....	11 19	
Care of room.....	2 00	
Chalk	13	
Cleaning room	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$193 82

Average expense per scholar, \$7.75.

This school has been reduced largely by the recent epidemic of diptheria. The number of scholars reported are, in part, from Vernon, Vt.

Paid for schooling Dea. Holton's daughter.....		\$6 00
Paid E. D. Merriam for 12 globes and one dictionary	\$36 65	
Freight for same.....	30	
Twelve writing books.....	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$38 15

RECAPITULATION.

District No. 1.....	\$522 67	
" 2.....	304 60	
" 3.....	237 30	
" 4.....	251 84	
" 5.....	172 00	
" 6.....	161 50	
" 7.....	201 64	
" 10.....	171 35	
" 11.....	165 85	
" 12.....	240 48	
" 13.....	193 82	
Globes, books and freight	38 15	
Schooling Dea. Holton's daughter.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,667 20

Amount raised by town tax.....	\$2,500 00	
“ State school fund.....	263 37	
“ dog tax.....	117 32	
“ surplus revenue.....	75 07	
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		\$2,955 76
Balance on hand.....	\$288 56	

A discrepancy appears between this report and that of the town treasury, which, without explanation, might cause some to think one *or* both wrong. The treasurer's report is from Feb. 16, 1875, to Feb. 16, 1876; and in February, 1875, the schools had not closed, consequently he is obliged to report those schools paid in his present report. This report includes the expenses of this school year, only; the time for which the last school tax was raised.

The plan adopted one year ago has been, thus far, quite successful. The schools have been generally satisfactory, and, if this plan be followed, they may be improved more. The school committee have better opportunities of securing qualified teachers than the prudential committee.

The expense is necessarily less where one man controls the finances than where twelve men have to do with it.

It was thought the action of the town, last year, displaced all prudential committees. Not so. The prudential committee has duties, the same as before, except hiring and paying teachers. He should furnish wood and furniture for the school, and keep the house in repair.

The school committee, at their meeting, last spring, elected me chairman, and delegated full power, so far as the law permits. Mr. George Ryther was elected secretary. I was unable to devote as much time to the schools as I could wish, but Mr. Ryther, very ably and efficiently assisted me in this, as in other duties pertaining to the school committee.

R. C. WARD,

Chairman School Committee.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 23, 1876.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

FOR 1876-77.



SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:
ATWOOD & NOYES, PRINTERS.
1877.

Card, Job and Pamphlet Printing.



293 Main Street.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.



Number of Polls,	470
Number of Dwelling Houses,	379
Number of Horses,	356
Number of Cows,	590
Number of Sheep,	389
Number of Acres of Land assessed,	20,011
Total valuation of Personal Estate,	\$98,876 00
Total valuation of Real Estate,	596,645 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$695,521 00</u>
Total amount of Taxes assessed,	8,291 94
Rate per cent,	1 05

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1876.

For Schools,	\$2,500 00
“ Highways and bridges,	1,800 00
“ Contingent expenses,	1,700 00
“ State tax,	774 00
“ County tax,	1,493 05
“ Overlay,	24 89
	<u>\$8,291 94</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT,

From February 19, 1876, to February 17, 1877.

RECEIPTS.

By Balance in Treasury, February 19, 1876,	\$3,006 66
Cash of State, for support of Starky,	331 43
“ William Brazee, auctioneer's license,	2 00
“ Collector, abated Tax,	1 42
“ L. T. Webster, license,	50 00
“ Charles Osgood, license,	50 00
“ 48 dog licenses, issued as Clerk,	99 00
Town order to balance on settlement,	42 64—\$3,583 15
From Aug. 10: Town assessment,	8,291 94
County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	124 80
Corporation Tax,	423 81
National Bank Tax,	643 78
State Aid,	106 00
State School Fund,	248 98
James S. Pickard, license,	100 00
Interest on surplus revenue,	35 00
One Town History sold,	4 00
“ “ “ delivered,	1 00
R. K. Caldwell, auctioneer, license,	2 00— 9,981 31
	\$13,564 46

EXPENDITURES.

To Orders drawn by Selectmen and Bills paid,	\$2,621 65
“ “ “ School Committee,	921 90
S. W. Dutton as Treasurer,	20 00
“ “ “ Clerk,	10 00
Issuing 48 dog licenses as Clerk,	9 60— 3,583 15

From Aug. 10: Orders drawn by Selectmen, .	\$3,970 04
“ “ “ School Com- mittee,	1,582 02
County Tax,	1,493 05
State Tax,	774 00
State Aid,	67 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, .	92 76
State Reform School, . .	26 14
State Treasurer, one-fourth liquor license,	50 00
Overseers of the Poor, Boston, .	6 10
J. L. Preston, on Town bill, .	2 70—\$8,063 81
Cash in hands of Treasurer, .	1,917 50
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	\$13,564 46

ELIAS LYMAN, *Treasurer.*

February 17, 1877. .

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

L. T. Webster, services as Selectman, . . .	\$106 86
J. E. Priest, " " . . .	54 80
S. G. Pratt, " " . . .	102 65
Dr. R. C. Ward, " School Committee, . . .	65 00
G. H. Ryther, " " " . . .	18 76
Ira Coy, " on Auditing " . . .	2 00
R. K. Caldwell, " " " . . .	2 00 — \$352 07

BILLS OUTSTANDING.

J. L. Preston,	\$2 70
J. B. Morgan,	4 00
J. E. Priest,	34 51
E. E. Belding,	6 80
James Lyman,	4 50
Ira Coy,	5 44
J. L. Preston,	180 00
Henry Wright,	10 18
J. L. Mattoon,	19 72
John P. Wentworth,	3 00
Charles Pomeroy,	4 85 — 275 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Field & Hall, printing Town Reports, . . .	\$33 60
Worcester Lunatic Hospit'l, sup. Mary Pearson, . . .	92 62
W. J. Phelps, boxes for posting warrants, . . .	2 50
Nelson Burrows, insurance Town House, . . .	26 00
Ross Brothers, for 20 blankets, . . .	17 40
Jona. Lyman, boards for boats, . . .	8 55
John A. Barrett, timber for bridge, . . .	7 58
Henry Wright, 2d, work on tramp room, . . .	19 50 — 207 75
W. Stratton's note and interest, . . .	1262 40
Asa A. Holton, 3 cords wood, Town House, . . .	15 00

Peter McHugh, support Cornelius Leary,	\$20 00	
Samuel Stickney, land damage,	50 00	
Frederick Z. Allen, repairing wash-out,	28 00	
S. S. Holton, stone for tramp room,	1 50	
M. A. Moody, mason work for tramp room,	21 20	
H. B. Parker, work on high'y and water trough,	6 50	
Overseers of the Poor of Ashburnham,	6 15	
Henry Holton, building 2 boats for Gill and Northfield,	26 23	
George Alexander, plank for bridge,	3 36	
Town of Montague, assistance Elhanon Britt,	20 00	
E. D. Merriam, school books,	36 65	
S. W. Dutton, cash paid on account of schools,	11 10	
Dr. R. C. Ward, per order Mrs. L. Belknap,	11 25	
Geo. W. Field, painting tramp room,	1 25	
Freight on lime and cement, tramp room,	2 03	
Overseers of the Poor, West Brookfield,	2 00—	\$1,524 62
B. A. Clark, lime and cement,	19 55	
Benjamin Callender & Co., chains for ferries,	5 11	
G. A. Long, lumber,	2 25	
A. A. Long, bridge plank,	39 06	
D. J. Smith, damage on highway and expense,	36 25	
E. D. Merriam, tax book and expense,	2 15	
H. W. Montague, error in tax,	9 87	
J. Williams, lumber for tramp room,	9 20	
Washburn, Eddy & Co., doors for tramp room,	8 00	
L. T. Webster, account of sundry goods,	34 54	
Frederick Z. Allen, abatement of tax,	2 36	
Horace Holton, bridge plank,	14 45	
A. D. Stearns, for 4400 brick,	26 40	
A. D. Stearns, work on tramp room,	22 50—	231 69
S. W. Dutton, services as Treasurer and Town Clerk,	42 64	
Elias Lyman, amount dog licenses issued by S. W. Dutton,	89 40	
S. W. Dutton's Estate, amount of State aid paid by S. W. Dutton,	64 10	
Henry Wright, lodging and feeding 173 tramps,	129 75	
George W. Page, " " " 206 "	78 00	
Henry Wright, land for highway,	100 00	
Asa A. Holton, stone,	2 00	
Nelson Burrows, insurance of Town House,	19 75	
W. J. Phelps, planing and jointing boards,	7 35	
James Putnam, wood for Town House,	7 00	
M. M. Stebbins, Erving, goods delivered State paupers,	35 00	

S. G. Pratt, sundry cash paid on acct. of Town,	\$11 26	
S. G. Pratt, sundry cash paid for Gill and Northfield,	5 39	
Henry Johnson, abatement highway tax, one-half of Perry farm,	5 25	
Charles Pomeroy, abatement highway tax, one-half of Perry farm,	5 25	
A. C. Parsons, as Agent for Town,	32 00	
C. C. Conant, as Counsel for Town,	13 00	
Jonah Bent, drawing out boat for Northfield and Gill,	12 00	
George W. Page, stove for tramp room,	4 50	
Geo. W. Page, binding blankets for tramp room,	2 00	
Geo. W. Page, cash paid on account of pauper,	1 25—	\$666 80
H. C. Childs, insurance of Town clock,	18 75	
J. B. Morgan, J. B. & C. N. Morgan's interest in tomb,	4 58	
R. K. Caldwell, order of abatement,	6 00	
R. K. Caldwell, services as Constable,	21 50	
R. K. Caldwell, services as Collector,	83 00	
R. K. Caldwell, cash paid for tax bills,	4 50	
R. K. Caldwell, Collector's discounts on taxes,	290 21	
Henry Wright, driving hearse,	67 50	
Henry Wright, care of tomb and return of deaths,	13 75	
Henry Wright, care of Town Hall,	40 00	
Henry Wright, care of Town clock,	15 00	
Henry Wright, mowing cemetery,	7 00	
Henry Wright, one cord wood for Town Hall,	3 00	
Henry Wright, repair of clock,	1 00	
Henry Wright, grading around lock-up,	2 00	
A. C. Parsons, abatement of tax set to Susie Burrows,	4 20	
Sumner Titus, water trough,	2 50	
B. F. Streeter, building road,	30 00	
Expenses for Mrs. Lucretia Belknap,	89 95	
L. T. Webster, cash paid account of Town, as per bill,	18 18	
Roswell Holton, mowing burying ground,	1 00—	722 62
R. K. Caldwell, Collector's abatement of poor men's taxes,	70 73	
Elias Lyman, Clerk, record'g births, deaths, &c.,	27 90	
Elias Lyman, sundry cash payments,	2 42	
Elias Lyman, services as Town Clerk,	15 42	
Elias Lyman, services as Town Treasurer,	30 00	
Jeremiah Granay, abatement,	2 42	
M. S. Mead, attendance on Calvin Pratt,	13 00	

J. L. Preston, care of poor, per contract, . . .	\$750 00	
L. T. Webster, for Alexander Gontain, State pauper,	13 23—	925 12
Total miscellaneous orders,		\$4,278 69

TOTAL PAID FOR YEAR.

Town Officers' bills,	\$352 07
Bills outstanding,	4,275 70
Sundry payments by orders,	278 69
Highways,	1,640 83
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	\$6,547 29

HIGHWAYS.

Amount of credits to sundry tax-payers for work on highways and paid by Collector,	\$725 41
Patrick Dalton,	1 00
George F. Moody,	5 10
Alonzo Billings,	2 00
William Moore,	50
Edmund Russell,	2 50
F. S. Collar,	4 29
J. A. Dresser,	7 05
John B. Putney,	6 98
Israel Porter,	29
H. Albee,	06
B. F. Streeter,	4 50
Moses Merrill,	9 16
A. A. Long,	48 78
D. T. Long,	10 00
Henry Holton,	2 50
C. W. Shepardson,	88
J. A. Fisher,	90
C. D. Stebbins,	4 09
Geo. R. Stebbins,	9 49
Orin Robbins,	50
Cyrus Holton, work and timber,	6 61
Oscar Slate,	2 50
Dwight M. Simonds,	1 50
C. Merriman,	3 74
C. H. Green,	1 50 — \$855 98
O. F. Robbins,	1 75
Michael Pigott,	1 90
S. Keet & Son,	9 37
William O'Brien,	2 40
R. K. Caldwell,	3 75
Roswell Stratton,	38

Thomas Grace,	\$0 50	
Charles X. Janes,	63	
William Burrows,	3 00	
David O'Keefe,	1 00	
Liberty Page, railing and posts,	10 66	
Edmund Dale,	90	
Moody M. Darling,	7 50	
A. S. Stratton,	1 20	
George W. Newton,	2 50	
Edwin Lyman,	1 25	
M. S. Stearns,	1 25	
Lester Hale,	60	
J. Randall,	75	
James Campbell,	2 56	
A. A. Long,	2 25	
A. Hale,	1 32	
Myron Chapin,	3 85	
Sumner H. Collar,	14 66	
C. Bass,	3 70	
Henry Wright,	17 55	
Thomas Quinlan,	2 50	
Charles Pomeroy,	14 10	
John A. Grout,	12 70	
Everett Page,	2 20	
A. J. Arlin,	1 50	
J. L. Mattoon,	28 50	
John Dale,	6 10	— \$164 85
O. Downes,	2 52	
D. Simonds,	4 14	
James Allen,	2 52	
W. Holton,	3 24	
T. J. Field,	4 86	
David T. Long,	73 09	
Clinton A. Ware,	20 24	
Ansel Collar,	55 60	
Isaac Mattoon,	31 23	
John H. Robbins,	17 39	
E. A. Smith,	45 44	
Oscar Woods,	79 76	
Frederick Z. Allen,	21 53	
J. Henderson,	1 00	
Frank Whithead,	14 72	
Lucius Stimpson,	17 20	
Ansel Stimpson,	5 62	
Baxter Stimpson,	3 87	
Lucian Stimpson,	1 25	

Simon Fisher, *	\$0 50	
Dr. Smith,	2 75	
P. Pierce,	2 25	
Elias Lyman,	38—	\$411 10
Charles Alexander,	88	
Clarence Moody,	50	
Arad Stratton,	5 93	
Samuel Stickney,	4 00	
George Stebbins,	4 00	
Patrick Murphy,	1 87	
F. H. Turner,	1 00	
Edmund O'Keefe,	75	
Dennis Driscoll,	75	
Pliny Calting,	37	
Elisha Alexander,	75	
H. H. Johnson,	2 10	
Sundry persons to shovel snow,	2 92	
Grace & O'Keefe,	50	
N. W. Purple,	11 70	
Roswell Dickinson,	22 47	
Ira Coy,	92 76	
G. Field,	2 50	
Wm. Merriman,	1 10	
H. F. Field,	13 45	
Albert Whitaker,	1 87	
M. D. Miller,	1 00	
H. W. Montague,	9 37	
Lyman Gilbert,	1 87	
W. Stratton,	1 25	
Charles Morgan,	2 50	
Fred. Morgan,	1 25	
Freeman Hilliard,	1 87	
Apollos Morgan,	1 75	
Joseph Burton,	1 25	
S. G. Pratt,	1 25	
George Alexander,	1 50	
M. Londigan,	1 25	
Thomas Metcalf,	7 37	
Elisha Stratton,	2 25—	208 90
Total Highway Expense,		\$1,640 83

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, FEBRUARY 17, 1877.

Balance in the Treasury, . . .	\$1,917 50
Due from estate of Percis Lamb, . . .	364 35

Due interest on surplus revenue,	.	.	\$35 00
Due from Town of Gill,	.	.	20 00
Due from State Board of Charities,	.	.	38 00—\$2,374 85

DUE AS PER AUDITORS' REPORT.

Selectmen's Bills:

L. T. Webster,	.	.	.	.	\$87 32
Samuel G. Pratt,	.	.	.	.	88 75
Roswell Holton,	.	.	.	.	72 50
					<u>\$248 57</u>

School Committee's Bill:

Dr. R. C. Ward,	.	.	.	.	80 00
Orders outstanding on settlement,	.	.	.	.	225 89
Benjamin Davis,	.	.	.	.	3 00— 557 46
Balance in favor of the Town,	.	.	.	.	<u>\$1,817 39</u>

L. T. WEBSTER,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Northfield.</i>
S. G. PRATT,	
ROSWELL HOLTON,	

REPORT

OF

Overseers of the Poor.

THE following persons are now and have been throughout the past year fully supported by the Town: William Webster, age 89 ; Hubbard Phelps, 76 ; Euphena Stratton, 76 ; Adalane Field, 74 ; Jessie Kimplin, 73 ; Lucretia Sawyer, 44 ; George A. Wright, 4 ; these, Mr. Preston has provided for at his own house, and at this time has in addition to the above, George L. Doolittle and his son George Doolittle, making nine in all, which we think is a larger number of adult persons requiring permanent and full support than ever before.

The following persons have been partially supported: Mrs. Horace Robbins, Mrs. Zabina Marsh, Henry Hart, Mrs. Susan Darling, Marshall M. Morgan ; several of these have large families, making about twenty persons who have been partially supported by Mr. Preston ; many of them at large expense outside of his own house, including Jonathan H. Blake, who is still at an expense of about \$200 per year at the Insane Asylum at Northampton.

There probably has been no time for years when so many people have asked assistance, as during the past year ; and at no time has the actual expense been so great ; but, in justice to Mr. Preston, we must say we

have heard no complaints of dissatisfaction on the part of those whom he is called upon to provide for, and it seems to be the wish of himself and family to give them the same care and comforts, even though knowing that their unpleasant labors must result in pecuniary loss.

Miss Mary Pierson is being fully supported at the Worcester Insane Asylum at the expense of the Town, outside of Mr. Preston's contract.

The total number of tramps lodged and fed from February 15, 1876, to February 17, 1877, is 379; at a total expense to the Town, of \$267.75. The room which the Town voted to have fitted up for them was completed about June 1st, last, at a total cost, including bedding, stove, and everything needed, of \$178.75; which is about and within the estimated expense. The fitting up of the room for this purpose is clearly a good investment, as with it under the able management (as it now is) of George W. Page, we are enabled to handle, if necessary, large numbers of them very cheaply.

L. T. WEBSTER,	} <i>Overseers</i> <i>of the Poor.</i>
S. G. PRATT,	
ROSWELL HOLTON,	

NORTHFIELD, February 18, 1877.

REPORT

OF

School Committee.

THE importance of having good schools is apparent to all. Many of the children in the smaller towns receive all the educational privileges they ever have, in the common school. We may be unable to give them a classical course, but we can give them an opportunity to secure a thorough knowledge in the common branches. The town that fails to do this, with the facilities we now have, is censurable.

How to accomplish the best results with a certain amount of money is a problem we should solve. Some adhere to the old district system of conducting our schools, as being the best; others consider the town system much better. The latter system is much less expensive, as the amount expended for schools during the past year shows. We are yet in the district system, but the plan adopted two years ago is practically the same as the town system. Your Committee feel that this plan, if continued, will result in a decided improvement in the condition of our schools. So long as the power of approval of teachers, as to qualifications, and their dismissal, lies wholly with the School Committee, the power of employing should rest with the same authority. When these are divided between the School Committee and the Prudential Committee,

the teachers are serving two masters, which results in more or less trouble in the school. Prudential Committees are apt to be influenced by selfish motives in engaging teachers. This is less liable to actuate the School Committee. From having more experience with schools and school teachers, the School Committee are better able to judge of the merits of applicants for schools, than the Prudential Committee are, as a whole. In all districts there is more or less feeling in regard to the school. The dominant party elect the Prudential Committee (when the Town authorizes the district to elect their Prudential Committee;) then the minority, too often unjustly, criticise the teacher employed.

Your Committee are pleased to say that the schools during the past year have been prosperous. We have heard less complaint of teachers than any year previous. We consider this good evidence in favor of the present plan. Two requisites are necessary to the success of our schools: first, money to pay good teachers; second, a School Committee who have an interest in the schools, and who have time and ability to care for them. They should be willing to make some sacrifice for the good of the schools, and not fear public censure when doing their duty. With these we want a hearty co-operation of the parents. Some parents have a preconceived dislike for the teacher, and are not reticent on this subject in the presence of their children. This is a great annoyance to the teacher and injury to the scholar. Children are not slow to imbibe the prejudices of their parents, and when once influenced against the teacher, her labors for them are very much crippled. No teacher is infallible. We should look upon their faults with charity and not overlook their virtues. To err on the side of charity is better than the other extreme. While we would have parents charitable to the teacher, we would not

have them lose sight of the school in their regard for the teacher. Some of the qualifications for a good teacher may seem, to some, harsh, one of which is asceticism. This is essential for a good school. Teachers should be willing to give their whole energy to the school, caring more for success than for money. More rigidity in school discipline is desirable in some of our schools. Habitual good nature, on the part of the teacher, tends to produce insubordination and laxity in the school. We do not hold to corporal punishment, except in extreme cases, and not then unless the child may be made better thereby. The commands of the teacher should be obeyed. This is easily accomplished, in most instances, if the scholar knows the command was given to be obeyed. Teachers are apt to repeat command after command, of no use whatever, and not expecting a compliance therewith. This is a pernicious habit too often indulged.

The instances of tardiness and absence from school are too numerous. The remedy for this lies with the parents and guardians. No excuse should be considered valid, for either tardiness or absence, except sickness, and inclemency of the weather. The individual scholar is not the only sufferer by his absence from school, one or two days now and then. All of the classes of which he is a member are retarded in their progress. The teacher is worried in trying to keep him along in his studies. Unable to go on with his classes, he drops back into a lower class, and finally becomes so discouraged he does not try to learn, and stays away from school if he can. No one cause produces as many habitual truants, as being absent from school for one or two sessions, now and then, without a valid excuse. Parents do not seem to realize the injury they do, when they say, "Well, the school is good for nothing, and you may just as well stay at home as not." No school is so poor that the scholar may not practice punctuality and stability.

The amount expended for each school is as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$540 00
Wood,	41 00
Care of room and repairs,	17 71
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	\$598 71
Number of weeks' school, 30	

DISTRICT No. 2.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$286 00
Wood,	28 35
E. W. Colton, for use of room,	15 00
Care of rooms and repairs,	12 39
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	\$341 74
Number of weeks' school, 29	

DISTRICT No. 3.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$232 00
Wood,	19 25
Care of room and repairs,	5 65
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	\$256 90
Number of weeks' school, 30	

DISTRICT No. 4.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$228 00
Wood,	4 00
Care of room and repairs,	10 95
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	\$242 95
Number of weeks' school, 28	

DISTRICT No. 5.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$84 50
Wood,	8 25
Care of room and repairs,	2 50
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	\$95 25
Number of weeks' school, 13	

DISTRICT No. 6.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$169 00
Wood,	15 00
Care of room,	2 60
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	\$186 60
Number of weeks' school, 26	

DISTRICT No. 7.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$225 00
Wood,	17 00
Care of room and repairs,	5 50
Stillman Caldwell, for carrying scholars from District No. 13 to District No. 7,	37 50
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	\$285 00
Number of weeks' school, 30	

DISTRICT No. 10.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$169 00
Wood,	10 92
Care of room and repairs,	3 00
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	\$182 92
Number of weeks' school, 26	

DISTRICT No. 12.

Teacher's wages and board,	\$260 00
Wood,	17 50
Care of room and repairs,	8 15
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	\$285 65
Number of weeks' school, 30	

RECAPITULATION.

District No. 1,	\$598 71
District No. 2,	341 74
District No. 3,	256 90
District No. 4,	242 95
District No. 5,	95 25
District No. 6,	186 60
District No. 7,	285 00
District No. 10,	182 92
District No. 12,	285 65
H. B. Parker, for blackboards,	9 00
Bernardston, for schooling three scholars,	15 00
School Committee, for books and furniture,	22 03
Total,	<hr/>
	\$2,521 75

Amount raised by taxation,	\$2,500 00
Amount received from Dog Fund,	124 80
Amount received from Mass. School Fund,	248 98
Interest on surplus revenue,	65 00—
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	2,938 78

Balance in favor of the Town,	<hr/>
	\$417 03

Your Committee thought it for the interest of the schools, as well as for the Town, to consolidate some of the schools where it could be done without injury to any. The scholars in District No. 8 have attended school in Bernardston and District No. 7. Those in District No. 13 have attended in District No. 7. Those in District No. 11 have attended in District No. 6. We have, in this way, discontinued two schools during the year, saving to the Town about \$300, and in no way injuring any one. We are pleased to report, that the teachers have, in nearly every instance, fully met the anticipations of the Committee. We do not wish to censure any. Some, from surrounding circumstances, may have failed to succeed to their best ability. We feel that every teacher has *tried* to do well, and they deserve the approval of the Committee and the parents.

The higher English studies have been introduced into some of our schools, the past year, and it is pleasing to see the proficiency made by those who have taken up these studies. It is desirable that these be continued, where it does not deprive the younger scholars of due attention. The expense of engaging teachers, qualified to teach these branches, will be but little more, and it will partially compensate for the lack of a good graded school, we so much need.

The number of weeks' school should be increased. With the usual amount of tax, and a proper consolidation of schools, the schools might be kept eight or nine school months each year. This, properly divided into terms, is no more than most of our schools should have. Nothing should prevent the children from attending school, while in session.

R. C. WARD.

MRS. G. M. STARKWEATHER.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

NORTHFIELD,

FOR 1877-78.



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1878.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting this report to the inhabitants of Northfield, we do not feel called upon to theorize extensively upon the great subject of education. The tiresome platitudes which the people of this commonwealth have annually set before them, in the shape of School "Reports" in too many instances, warns us to exercise the grace of brevity, at least. Doubtless this community is not wholly indifferent to the benefits which the state derives from its schools of all sorts of grades. A certain distinguished man, not long ago, said that to open a common school is to close a common jail. This may not be true to the letter, but in the apothegm is contained a deep-seated truth. It is to be hoped that that class of citizens, who are our heaviest tax-payers, but have no children to send to school, are fully alive to the fact that our common schools have a most preservative and conservative influence upon the commonwealth and nation, and that without them their persons and property would be somewhat insecure. It is probably true that many of the parents and guardians in Northfield have the proper education of their children and wards near at heart. Yet there is a strange indifference, evidently, in certain quarters. Parents do not visit the schools; they do not sympathize with and encourage the teachers; they are penurious and fault-finding as to school books, and they are too prone to mould their opinions concerning the qualifications and success of teachers, from the glibly uttered opinions of their children alone. Your committee are quite constant attendants upon the services of one of our churches, and occasional attendants upon those of the other; but they do not remember to have ever heard, in either one, our schools, teachers and committee prayed for. If there are any fit subjects for prayer, surely these are—especially the committee!

TEACHERS.

Your committee have to say that, in their judgment, they have been fortunate, in the main, in the selection of their corps of teachers the past year. They have endeavored to secure such as they thought would prove to be, in every sense, instructors, adapted to incite the habit of thinking, and incourage proper and hearty expression on the part of their pupils—instructors, not task masters, having a hearty sympathy with childhood, and a lively personal interest in the more advanced pupils. May the happy day soon dawn when our common school teachers, even in our more rural communities, shall not only be amply qualified to “teach all the branches that the law directs,” but have the faculty of imparting instruction, with the heart not only to guide the bright, intellectual scholars, but on the alert to encourage and care for the dull and less mentally favored. The pecuniary resource is not all the model teacher receives. There is the future reward—the abiding esteem of the pupils who have grown up to manhood and womanhood. Laborious industry and patient forbearance should be the motto adopted by the man or woman the moment they enter the portals of the noble profession—teaching. The cross, sour-visaged teacher is an iceberg stranded in a flower garden, chilling all the beauty and brightness out of the happy flowers, and congealing the music in the very throats of the rejoicing birds. Again, insipid garrulity, unseemly familiarity of the teacher toward the scholars in and out of school, and undignified deportment generally, should be avoided. There is a sensible, happy medium. The faithful, intelligent instructor understands this. Teachers have a joyous range; do they all realize it?

THE SCHOOLS.

For the most part, we have been satisfied with our schools, and think we can safely report progress in regard to all the ten schools that have been under our care. Had we the space, we should be pleased to particularize each school, and mention two or three which would rank with those of some of our more ambitious towns. So far as the knowledge of your committee goes, every thing has gone along smoothly and quietly. There has not been the slightest outbreak among scholars; neither have we been

obliged to discharge any of our teachers. It is a misfortune that the standard of the public schools of Northfield is not higher. We have been going, and are going, in some very ancient ruts. Whether we shall ever get out of them, it remains to be seen. For instance, tardiness and absence makes a lamentable show upon our school registers. Parents only can remedy this crying evil.

TEXT BOOKS.

Your committee have thought it proper to introduce new reading books, the Franklin readers, and a series of language lessons, Swinton's, in the place of the old grammars. The old reading books had been in use eighteen years; the grammars for a generation, with no uniformity at that. We have tried to make United States history a branch of study in our schools, as the law enjoins. With these changes that have been made, we think there need be no further introduction of new text books for some years to come. In the matter of the introduction of the above school books we feel that we have acted conscientiously. Some people have the idea that the school committee "make money" from the introduction of new books. So far as this committee is concerned, they have to say that not one cent's interest accrued, or is to accrue to them, directly or indirectly from the premises. It is no small task, and a very thankless one in many instances, for a committee to examine and decide upon the merits of the quantities of books that are urged upon them by importunate agents. The responsibility for the branches of study pursued by the pupil in our schools, under the present school system as adopted by the town, rests wholly with the committee, and not with the children or parents. The committee have no legal right to omit any of the studies required to be taught by law. Even teachers who can not pass an examination in drawing, can not be legally employed by committees. We desire to call attention to the illegal neglect, on the part of the town, to provide school books at cost, and to designate some proper depository.

MORALS OF PUPILS.

One great argument in favor of parish and private schools, is that the pupils are more secure from contact with depraved and

vicious mates. Teachers should see to it, and parents should act in conjunction with them, that profaneness and indecency, roughness, cruelty and incivility, attempted to be practiced in and about the school-house, are nipped in the bud. Your committee are forced to the unwelcome opinion that bad morals, in the direction indicated, not infrequently germinate in or about the common school houses of our land. Our more experienced teachers, in many instances, are alive to this subject, and with some pains and a happy tact, seek to subdue these embryotic ebullitions of nature (?), and to cultivate in their pupils all social virtues. Parents should endeavor to impress upon the minds of their children the propriety of a gentle, grateful, and respectful deportment toward teachers.

THE PRESENT SCHOOL SYSTEM.

From a somewhat extensive acquaintance with the administration of public schools in other and larger communities, and some acquaintance with the temper and attitude of this community in regard to the conduct of our schools, the general tone of the public respecting education in general, your committee would reluctantly advise a return to the district system, *provided it could be done without a special act of legislation*. By Act of 1870, Chap. 196, towns were authorized to re-establish school districts at any meeting called for that purpose, "*within two years from the passage of this act,*" by a two-thirds vote. This act took effect April 22, 1870. The Act of 1873, Chap. 95, authorized towns to abolish school districts that had been re-established. There has been no law since 1870, authorizing towns to re-establish school districts. The two years mentioned in the Act of 1870, having expired, no town can now re-establish its school districts. To the opinion that the old system, *i. e.*, the district system, would be better for the town of Northfield, our lady associate, Mrs. Lyman, dissents.

THE "MOUNTAIN" SCHOOLS.

As a matter of simple justice, and in order to avoid litigation, your committee have reopened the school in District No. 11, and increased the school terms in District No. 5. The inhabitants of the eastern portion of our town, although the scholars are few,

surely have their rights under the school laws of the commonwealth, and in the absence of a legal consolidation of districts, can as surely sue out a writ of *mandamus* against the town, when deprived of the requisite number of weeks' schooling under the statute.

SANITARY.

Your committee deem it their bounden duty to call attention to the filthy condition of the out-buildings attached or in close proximity to nearly all of our school houses. In some instances the condition of these buildings is shocking—not fit for the use of the lower order of animals. In one district, the deposits had not been removed for a period of six years! The sickening and pestilential odors (and this is not the only instance) not only prevailed through the school-room, but pervaded the atmosphere of the entire neighborhood. It is well known that zymotic diseases are frequently caused by these oftentimes fatal emanations. It should be the duty of the prudential committee in each district, to cause deposits to be removed once a term at least, and dry earth used frequently during term time. The building itself should be kept scrupulously clean.

For the Board,

CHARLES T. PRESTON, Secretary.

M. S. MEADE, M. D., Chairman.

MRS. ELIJAH LYMAN.



NOTE.—C. T. Preston's bill of \$48.00, for services as school committee, has been allowed by the auditors. It was handed in too late to be printed in the selectmen's report.

FINANCES.

COST OF MAINTAINING SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Teacher's wages and board.....	\$ 448 00
Wood	44 00
Care of room and repairs.....	18 75
Total.	\$ 510 75
Number of weeks school, 28.	

DISTRICT No. 2.

Teacher's wages and board.....	\$ 242 50
Wood	22 80
Care of room and repairs.....	6 55
Total.	\$ 271 85
Number of weeks school, 28.	

DISTRICT No. 3.

Teacher's wages and board.....	\$ 224 00
Wood	25 00
Care of room and repairs.....	6 75
Total.	\$ 255 75
Number of weeks school, 27.	

DISTRICT No. 4.

Teacher's wages and board	220 00
Wood.....	36 30
Care of room and repairs.....	6 25
Total.	\$ 262 55
Number of weeks school, 28.	

DISTRICT No. 5.

Teacher's wages and board.....	117 00
Care of room and repairs.....	4 50
Total.	121 50
Number of weeks school, 18.	

DISTRICT No. 6.

Teacher's wages and board.....	156 00
Care of room and repairs.....	2 60
Total.	\$ 158 60
Number of weeks school, 26.	

DISTRICT No. 7.

Teacher's wages and board.....	224 00
Wood.....	19 50
Care of rooms.....	4 50
Total.....	\$ 248 00
Number of weeks school, 28.	

DISTRICT No. 10.

Teacher's wages and board.....	156 00
Number of weeks school, 26.	

DISTRICT No. 11.

Teachers' wages and board.....	146 00
Wood.....	9 50
Repairs.....	6 25
Total.....	\$ 161 75
Number of weeks school, 24.	

DISTRICT No. 12.

Teacher's wages and board.....	238 50
Wood.....	19 25
Care of room and repairs.....	6 75
Total.....	\$ 264 50
Number of weeks school, 27.	

DISTRICT No. 13.

O. S. Caldwell, for transporting scholars to District No. 7.....	27 75
Orders for books.....	\$ 68 00
“ “ “.....	21 14
“ “ “.....	100 00
Two orders for sundries.....	13 35
Total.....	\$202 49
Amount of orders.....	\$ 2,438 78
	202 49
	\$ 2,641 27

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations.....	2,500 00
Dog fund.....	126 80
School fund.....	230 21
Interest on surplus revenue.....	49 27
Total.....	\$ 2,906 28
Balance in treasury.....	265 01

NOTE.—It is proper to say that there was an error in the statement in last year's report that there was "Balance in favor of the Town" \$417 03. The amount was \$25.78. The amount of money derived this year from Dog Fund of Mass., School Fund and interest on surplus revenue is about \$60 less than it was last year.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

FOR 1877-78.

TIMES PRESS,
GREENFIELD, MASS.,
1878.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Feb. 17, 1877, to Feb. 16, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand February 17, 1877.....	\$ 1,917 50
Received of R. K. Caldwell, collector.....	7,538 08
“ “ selectmen, money borrowed.....	1,200 00
“ “ state of Mass. bank tax.....	664 42
“ “ “ “ “ corporation tax.....	438 72
“ “ “ “ “ school fund.....	230 21
“ “ “ “ “ state aid.....	125 00
“ for county dog fund.....	126 80
“ “ interest on surplus revenue.....	49 27
“ “ liquor license, Chas. Osgood.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ Lewis T. Webster.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ James Pickard.....	100 00
“ “ auctioneer's license, Wm Brazee.....	2 00
“ “ “ “ R. K. Caldwell.....	2 00
“ “ state of Mass. pauper.....	48 00
“ “ “ “ pauper transport.....	1 95
Total.....	<u>\$12,543 95</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Atwood & Noyes, printing.....	\$ 33 00
“ outstanding orders drawn by school committee.....	328 72
“ drawn by selectmen to March 1, 1877.....	407 80
“ town officers' bill for 1876.....	334 57
“ orders drawn by school committee.....	2,595 64
“ “ “ selectmen.....	5,437 53
“ county tax.....	1,288 24
“ state “	645 00
“ “ aid.....	174 00
“ “ treasurer one-fourth liquor license.....	50 00
“ Worcester lunatic hospital support, Mary Pierson.....	183 51
“ state reform school for support of Willie Murphy.....	52 00
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	1,013 94
Total.....	\$12,543 95

ELIAS LYMAN, Treasurer.



We have examined the accounts of Elias Lyman, treasurer of Northfield, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

CHARLES H. GREEN,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
SAMUEL G. PRATT,	
ROSWELL HOLTON,	



ASSESSOR'S REPORT.



Number of polls.....	475
“ “ dwelling houses.....	384
“ “ horses.....	355
“ “ cows.....	536
“ “ sheep.....	388
“ “ acres of land assessed.....	19847

Total valuation of personal estate.....	\$ 98,605 00
“ “ “ real estate.....	595,545 00
Total.....	\$ 694,150 00

Total amount of taxes assessed	\$ 7,538 08
Rate per cent.....	95



TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1877.

For schools.....	\$ 2,500 00
“ highways and bridges.....	1,800 00
“ contingent expenses.....	1,000 00
“ state tax.....	645 00
“ county tax.....	1,288 24
“ overlay.....	304 84
Total.....	\$ 7,538 08

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

L. T. Webster, services as selectman.....	\$	87	32
Samuel G. Pratt " " "		88	75
Roswell Holton " " "		72	50
R. C. Ward " " school committee		80	00
J. L. Banks " on auditing.....		2	00
Elias Lyman " " "		2	00
Ira Coy " " "		2	00
Total.....	\$	334	57

MISCELLANEOUS.

George Alexander, repairing scraper.....	\$	1	35
George H. Ryther, services as town clerk.....		2	50
M. M. Stebbins, support of state pauper.....		20	00
Overseers of the poor of Prescott.....		11	82
Coffin refrigerator.....		38	50
S. O. Lamb, for services from 1873 to 1877.....		44	00
R. C. Ward, services to state pauper.....		5	00
O. T. Greenleaf, support of watering trough 3 years.....		4	50
Benjamin Davis, amount allowed by auditing committee....		3	00
L. T. Webster, for services rendered as per bill.....		9	00
Freight on coffin refrigerator.....		1	08
Asa A. Holton, wood furnished to Lucretia Belknap.....		27	00
E. Howard, cleaning and repairing town clock.....		19	75
W. C. Reed, work on town house.....		7	20
R. C. Fisher, repairs on town house.....		4	00
Charles T. Preston, sundries, as per bill.....		9	85
C. T. Bartlett, repairs on town house		43	60
Rockwood & Brook, for books furnished the town....		68	00
F. H. Turner, painting town hall.....		27	25
Nelson Burrows, insuring town house.....		20	00
W. J. Phelps, repairing plows.....		3	75
H. W. Day, building tomb... ..		325	00
Mrs. S. W. G. Cook, abatement on taxes....		9	50
Samuel Holton, work in town house.....		1	50
R. K. Caldwell, abatement of taxes for 1876.....		5	50
Charles Pomeroy, abatement of taxes on Perry farm.....		4	73
" " error on taxes.....		1	42

M. C. Miller, for building part of pine meadow road.....	\$ 300 00
T. W. Whitney, wood for town house.....	23 69
A. M. Moody, work on town house.....	12 35
Asa A. Holton, stone posts and work in cemetery.....	38 87
City of Springfield, support of Connolly children.....	66 85
F. H. Turner, painting cemetery fence.....	63 50
W. J. Phelps, iron work on cemetery fence.....	8 20
Estate of Betsy Wright, abatement of taxes.....	14 25
Henry Wright, work on cemetery fence.....	32 50
Samuel G. Pratt, work and money paid out, as per bill.....	21 59
H. B. Parker, work and support of watering trough....	4 58
A. C. Parsons, paint and oil.....	28 00
Henry Johnson, abatement of highway tax on Perry farm.....	4 73
E. H. Colton, error in taxes.....	7 66
E. O. Wheeler, support of watering trough.....	3 00
E. H. Starkey, iron work on cemetery fence.....	1 44
L. T. Webster, for plough furnished in 1876.....	15 00
“ goods furnished Mrs. Lucretia Belknap.....	40 15
“ “ “ William Reed's family.....	35 05
“ “ “ the town, as per bill.....	69 30
Roswell Holton, work on new tomb.....	9 50
Charles H. Green, money paid out for work on cemetery fence, as per bill.....	104 94
Elias Lyman, services as town treasurer.....	40 00
“ “ “ clerk, and cash paid for sundries as per bill.....	47 90
A. K. Francis, for building cemetery fence.....	314 00
R. K. Caldwell, abatement poor men's taxes.....	58 50
“ services as constable.....	9 50
“ discount on taxes.....	250 02
Charles H. Green, goods furnished Wm. Reed's family.....	9 40
J. L. Preston, support of the poor.....	566 07
George W. Page, for keeping 633 tramps.....	158 33
E. H. Stewart, building Pine Meadow road.....	1,017 00
Charles H. Green, for money paid on account of town at differ- ent times, as per bill.....	82 86
Henry Wright, 2d, care of town hall.....	29 75
“ “ “ clock.....	15 00
“ mowing cemetery.....	7 00
“ making returns of deaths.....	4 75
“ driving hearse.....	28 50
“ two brooms for town hall.....	80
Lucretia Belknap, cash.....	20 00
Total miscellaneous.....	\$ 4,283 33

HIGHWAYS.

Amount of money expended by the surveyors in each district in the town :

District No.	1, David T. Long.....	\$ 128 12
" "	2, Charles W. Webster.....	173 80
" "	3, John Wright, \$93.09; Geo. R. Stebbins, \$9 17:	102 26
" "	4, B. F. Streeter.....	142 05
" "	5, Sumner Titus.....	138 38
" "	6, Franklin Whithed....	83 07
" "	7, Ansel Collar.....	60 93
" "	8, Dwight E. Bass, \$88.79; J. A. Dresser, \$17 55:	106 34
" "	9, A. L. Pickett.....	53 35
" "	10, William Burrows.....	49 12
" "	11, John H Robbins.....	152 95

Total.....\$ 1,190 35

Bridge timber, plank, and railing, used in common by the highway surveyors..... 180 35

Amount of work done on highways previous to March 6, 1877.. 73 72

Total highway expense.....\$ 1,444 42



TOTAL PAID FOR THE YEAR.

Town officers' bills.....	\$ 334 57
Miscellaneous payments.....	4,283 33
Highways	1,444 42
Total.....	\$ 6,062 32

Income from the town hall from Feb. 27, 1877, to Feb. 14, 1878 126 00

Eighty-five and 80-100 dollars of this sum has been taken by Henry Wright, 2d, as pay for his services for taking care of the town hall and town clock, driving the hearse, mowing cemetery, making returns of deaths, and brooms for the town house, he not having drawn any money from the treasury for the above work.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

February 18, 1878.

DUE AS PER AUDITOR'S REPORT.

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Charles H. Green.....	\$	94 00	
Samuel G. Pratt.....		87 00	
Roswell Holton.....		58 74	
Total.....	\$		239 74

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BILLS.

Dr. M. S. Mead.....	\$	70 75	
Mrs. E. S. G. Lyman.....		8 00	
Total.....			78 75

AUDITOR'S BILLS.

E. E. Belding.....		2 00	
Ira Coy.....		2 00	
J. L. Banks.....		2 00	
Total.....			6 00

DEBTS OUTSTANDING.

C. H. Green's note and interest.....		1,244 40	
E. H. Stewart, for building Pine Meadow road.....		183 00	
Total.....	\$	1,751 89	
Balance in the treasury.....	\$	1,013 94	
Due from estate of Percis Lamb.....		364 35	
“ “ town of Shutesbury.....		44 10	
“ for use of town hall.....		40 20	
“ from estate of Mary Connolly.....		66 85	
“ “ Henry Wright, 2d, interest on note.....		54 32	
“ “ “ for support of Mrs. Marsh.....		26 60	
Total.....	\$	1,610 36	
Indebtedness of the town.....	\$	141 53	

CHARLES H. GREEN,	}	Selectmen of Northfield.
SAMUEL G. PRATT,		
ROSWELL HOLTON,		

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.



The following persons are now, and have been during the past year, fully supported by the town :

William Webster, age 90; Hubbard Phelps, 77; Adaline Field, 75; Lucretia Sawyer, 45. These have been supported at Mr. Preston's own house; and, at this time, in addition to the above, he has Jennie Lord and child.

The following persons have been partially supported :

Jessie Kimplin, Mrs. Marsh, John Cutting and family, Clarence Collar, George Turner, Mrs. Horace Robbins and son, Mrs. Park, Lock Doolittle and son, Marshall Morgan and family, and George A. Wright, making some twenty persons who have been partially supported by Mr. Preston during the past year.

CHARLES H. GREEN,	}	Overseers of the poor.
SAMUEL G. PRATT,		
ROSWELL HOLTON,		

Northfield, February 18, 1878.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor
AND ASSESSORS
OF THE
Town of Northfield,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1879,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

AMHERST, MASS.:
McCLOUD & WILLIAMS, PRINTERS,
1879.

Selectmen's Report.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Charles H. Green, services as selectman,	\$104 00
Samuel G. Pratt, " " "	87 00
Roswell Holton, " " "	58 74
Dr. Mead, " school committee,	70 75
Charles T. Preston, " " "	77 00
Mrs. E. S. G. Lyman, " "	8 00
E. E. Belding, auditing committee,	2 00
Ira Coy, " "	2 00
John L. Banks, " "	2 00
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	\$411 49

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF FOLLOWING PERSONS :

Jennie Lord,	\$75 29
Mrs. Parks,	21 00
Apollos Beach,	19 54
William Webster,	24 00
Susannah Grout,	61 50
Lucretia Sawyer,	94 00
Adelaide Field,	94 00
Hubbard Phelps,	94 00
Mrs Robbins and son,	49 00
Lockhart Doolittle,	19 93
Nellie Parmenter,	13 75
David Tolman,	1 97
Esther Pratt,	5 75
Charles Arling,	1 00
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	\$574 73

HIGHWAYS.

Ira Coy,	\$212 95
Thomas Mason,	153 27
John H. Robbins,	225 78
*Ansel Collar,	154 97
J. A. Dresser,	75 80
Oscar Woods,	78 65
William Merriman,	34 65
Landman Nye,	109 50
Sumner G. Titus,	290 61
Ezra L. Holton,	99 46
Cyrus Holton,	57 58
Sam. S. Holton,	3 90
Hartwell Johnson,	2 00
S. G. Pratt,	14 58
Lyman Gilbert,	4 55
Frank Whithead, work, 1877,	6 00
Benjamin Streeter, " "	3 25
Chas. E. Webster, " "	2 58
William Burrows,	2 10
Dwight Bass,	21 27
A. A. Holton, cash paid for work,	10 35
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	\$1564 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Henry Nelson,	\$ 40 00
S. G. Pratt, paid on road case,	6 00
" services on Pine Meadow road,	29 71
Roswell Holton, " " "	22 62
Chas. H. Green, " " "	18 75
W. J. Phelps, repairing plough and scraper,	6 00
Asa A. Holton, cash paid for building culvert near M. C. Miller's,	175 00
Chas. Pomeroy, insuring town house,	46 00
" " abatement of highway tax on Perry farm,	4 73

R. K. Caldwell, services as Collector,	69 00
“ “ discount on taxes,	291 31
“ “ services as Constable,	23 50
“ “ error in taxes,	2 75
“ “ abatement of poor men's taxes,	30 32
Asa A. Holton, cash paid as per bill,	\$ 8 80
Henry Wright, 2d, for driving hearse,	39 50
“ “ care of town hall clock and mak- ing returns of deaths,	71 85
Gratia Adams; error in taxes,	3 30
Charles Stratton, painting cemetery fence,	6 00
Chas. Green, money deposited for E. H. Stuart,	200 00
“ “ for expense in suit of Stewart & Hutchins,	208 85
“ “ for repairs on town hall,	5 25
E. H. Starkey, repairs on town hall,	75
Cyrus Holton, for mowing cemetery,	1 00
S. Y. Walker, error in taxes,	10 34
A. C. Parsons, for oil and paint for W. North- field cemetery fence,	11 92
W. J. Phelps, repairing cemetery gate,	4 00
Alexander Fusha, mowing cemetery,	1 50
John Bowman, painting guide boards,	3 00
Freeman Hilliard, mowing cemetery,	2 00
E. O. Wheeler, watering trough,	3 00
Elias Lyman, services as treasurer,	40 00
“ “ services as clerk,	38 15
“ “ cash paid as per bill,	9 72
Henry Johnson, abatement on taxes, Perry farm,	4 73
Dwight Priest, error in taxes,	1 65
George Alexander, repairing scraper,	2 00
Aaron Morgan, for guide boards,	2 00
J. L. Preston, expense to Springfield,	5 00
S. G. Pratt, expense on Millers river bridge,	1 81
E. O. Felton, lumber for bridge,	10 36
M. D. Stratton, for plank,	12 15
A. A. Long, plank and labor on bridge,	58 60

Liberty Page, plank,	45 00
Lucretia Belknap,	62 19
J. P. Aldrich, work on cemetery fence,	3 75
Albert Wright, wood for town house,	4 67
Charles H. Green, wood for town house,	15 00
“ “ “ for Wm. Reed's family,	9 00
J. A. Williams, wood for town house, 1877,	4 00
E. S. G. Lyman, “ “ “	4 00
Geo. Stevens, support of Jenny Lord,	9 00
S. G. Pratt, support of Susan Grout,	27 50
John A. Preston, goods furnished poor, as per bill,	10 10
Leicester Hale, board of Jenny Lord,	48 00
A. R. Lyman, meat furnished poor, as per bill,	17 52
Harriet A. Kealy, support of Wm. Webster,	24 00
Overseers of poor of Orange,	14 71
“ “ Weymouth,	21 00
Henry Webster, meal furnished poor,	10 20
Henry Wright, part support of poor,	66 87
Shepherd Holden, provisions furnished Mrs Robbins	17 98
Paid Overseers of poor of Wendell and Erving, on J. L. Preston's account,	183 93
Roswell Holton, cash paid Dr. Wheeler,	5 35
A. J. Arling, ladder for town house, and trimming tree,	4 00
George W. Page, keeping 457 tramps,	114 25
Dr. Pierce, medical attendance on poor,	6 75
Dr. R. C. Ward, “ “	15 00

\$2,876 69
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LIBRARY.

R. C. Ward,	\$100 00
Chas. Pomeroy,	75 00
R. C. Ward,	25 00
A. C. Parsons,	11 55

\$211 55

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation,	\$2500 00	
State school fund,	231 49	
Dog fund,	97 50	
Interest on surplus revenue,	70 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,898 99
Drawn by orders,		1,938 03
		<u> </u>
Balance,		960 96

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
FEBRUARY 20TH, 1879.

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Asa A. Holton,	\$97 50
Samuel G. Pratt,	101 25
Roswell Holton,	65 45

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

R. C. Ward,	71 25
Charles T. Preston,	18 75

AUDITORS.

E. E. Belding,	2 00	
Ira Coy,	2 00	
S. G. Titus,	2 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 460 20
		<i>360.20</i>

DEBTS OUTSTANDING.

Henry note and interest,	\$1,045 00	
Orders outstanding,	343 44	
Due schools,	960 96	
	<u> </u>	2,349 40
Total,		<u> </u>
		\$2,809 60

2709.60

CREDITS.

By balance in treasury,	\$2,224 94
Uncollected taxes,	485 07
J. L. Preston note,	50 00
Bank interest due,	40 00
	<hr/> \$2,800 01

Balance against town,

9 59

Balance in favor of town 90 41

ASA A. HOLTON, } *Selectmen of*
 SAMUEL G. PRATT, } *Northfield.*

Treasurer's Report.

FROM FEBRUARY 16TH, 1878, TO FEBRUARY 20TH, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 16th, 1878,	\$1,013 94
Rec'd of R. K. Caldwell, Collector,	7,900 00
Selectmen, money borrowed,	1,400 00
L. T. Webster, administrator of	
P. Lamb,	376 35
for liquor licenses,	201 00
of State of Mass. corporation tax,	534 42
" " National Bank tax,	509 63
" " State school fund,	231 49
" " State aid,	168 00
County Treasurer, dog fund,	97 50
Town of Shutesbury,	104 36
Interest on surplus revenue,	70 00
Cash of J. L. Preston,	57 46
for use of town hall, 1877,	40 20
" " 1878,	60 00
of Dr. Mead, sale of school books,	15 00
Wm. Brazzee, auctioneer's license,	2 00
R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary	
Pierson,	82 00
	<hr/> \$12,863 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid outstanding school bills,	\$ 129 68
county tax,	1,194 44
orders drawn by Selectmen,	6,623 82
State tax,	430 00
State aid,	180 00
Worcester lunatic hospital,	189 36
State reform school,	52 00
one-fourth liquor license,	50 25
Chas. H. Green, note and interest,	1,284 60
Henry Wright, note and interest,	418 00
city of Springfield, for poor, 1877,	36 94
city of Boston, for poor, 1877,	23 33
town of Weymouth, for poor, 1877,	26 00
Cash on hand Feb. 20th, 1879,	2,224 93
	<hr/> \$12,863 35

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER.

We have examined the accounts of Elias Lyman, Treasurer of Northfield, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

E. E. BELDING,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
IRA COY,	
S. G. TITUS,	

Assessors' Report.

Number of polls	462
Number of dwelling houses,	385
Number of horses,	363
Number of cows,	599
Number of sheep,	476
Number of acres of land taxed,	19,858
Total valuation of real estate,	\$586,513 00
Total valuation of personal estate,	80,672 00
Total,	<u>\$667,185 00</u>

Total amount of taxes assessed, \$8,124 44 - ~~8885,07~~
 Rate per cent., 1 10

ASSESSMENT.

For Schools,	\$2,500 00
Contingent,	2,000 00
Highways,	1,800 00
County tax,	1,194 44
State tax,	430 00
Overlay,	200 00
	<u>\$8,124 44</u>

Library

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Report of the Library Committee.

Your committee submit the following report :

Received of the Northfield social library,	1,614 volumes.
Bought of Mr. Joel Munsell,	47 “
Donated by “ “	12 “
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Whole number in Public Library,	1,673
Paid Mr. Joel Munsell for new books,	\$65 62
“ “ “ for record book,	8 50
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Total,	\$74 12

This leaves \$25.88 appropriated for new books now in the hands of Mr. Munsell.

Paid Mr. George Long, for three new cases,	\$25 00
“ “ repairing four cases,	12 00
John Bowman, painting and graining seven cases,	35 00
Charles Pomeroy, moving cases,	3 00
R. C. Ward, services as librarian,	25 00
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Total,	\$100 00

We engaged Mr. Joel Munsell of Albany, N. Y., to print the catalogues, as he agreed to do this work gratuitously. We quote from a letter of his, dated May 7, 1878 : “ I am glad to learn that Northfield is astir for a town library. Such enterprises are becoming popular in New England. I will print your catalogues as a *contribution*.” We received from him 400 catalogues and 2,000 labels, also a letter, dated Dec. 11, 1878, in which is the following extract : “ The regular charges for the printing would be about \$60. I will inquire if you can make it \$25 for catalogues and labels.”

Your committee have used the amount appropriated for the care of the library, and have nothing to pay Mr. Munsell for printing catalogues. We hope the town will appropriate money for the payment of this bill, leaving the money now in his hands for the purchase of new books.

Owing to the delay in getting the money appropriated for the library and the delay in printing the catalogues, the library was not open to the public till December 21, 1878, since which time books have been issued as follows :

Dec. 21, 1878,	41 volumes.	Dec. 28, 1878,	112 volumes.
Jan. 4, 1879,	150 “	Jan. 11, 1879,	158 “
Jan. 18,	195 “	Jan. 25,	216 “
Feb. 1,	195 “	Feb. 8,	185 “
Feb. 15,	208 “		

CHARLES POMEROY,	} <i>Library</i>	
L. T. WEBSTER,		
E. WELLS COLTON,		
T. J. CLARK,		} <i>Committee.</i>
R. C. WARD,		

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 20, 1879.

Report of the School Committee.

The annual report of the School Committee should contain, not simply a measure of the intellectual ability of the writer, but a plain statement of facts relating to our schools, with suggestions whereby they may be improved. The Town have generously raised and appropriated money for the support of schools, and if they have not been a success, the cause must be sought for elsewhere. That they have failed to reach the acme of perfection, or approximated as closely as they might, is an indisputable fact. The amount of schooling for the past year has been ample, but the quality has not been, in all instances, up to the desired standard. This is largely in consequence of a lack of system in managing the schools as a whole. The provincial method, adopted one year ago, has not reflected to the interest of the schools, though it may, in some districts, have reduced the current expenses.

No greater mistake has been made during the past year than that of employing teachers because they were cheap. Teachers are merchantable, and those who are experienced and successful command good wages. The plea that young, inexperienced teachers may be engaged for our small schools, should not be tolerated for a moment, especially those who have not the natural qualifications necessary for a successful teacher. We would not exclude from our schools all save those who have had experience, but would employ none but those fitted for the position they propose to fill. A knowledge of books is desirable, still, this is but part of that which a good teacher must possess. To draw a pen picture of a good teacher is a task from which we shrink. The unwise emulation on the part of the Prudential Committee, in securing teachers with as little expense as possible, is reprehensible. If this be the sole object in view, the

schools will be failures by a very large percentage. The same rule applies in this business as in all other branches. An expert with larger wages is more profitable than a novice, whose services are rendered gratuitously. Four months' school, under the teaching of a *first-class* teacher, would improve our children far more than six months, with any other but a first-class teacher. Our schools have lost the services of some of the best teachers, as we could not pay as much as they could command in other schools. This is wrong. The best are the cheapest.

It is not the intention of your committee to individualize each school, and speak of the merits and demerits of each respective teacher. We feel that every teacher has *tried* to do the best, and if some have failed to meet our highest hopes, let us be charitable, for they may have had obstacles to contend against, of which we little know. The teacher's vocation is onerous, as every one knows who has had any experience. We cannot find perfection in school teachers more than in any other class of people, and we often magnify their faults to an inordinate degree.

How can our schools be made the most successful? We submit a few suggestions which, if followed, we think would place our schools in an enviable position, compared with their present condition. We would first have a uniform system for each school. The scholar's time and teacher's labor are not utilized to the best possible advantage under the present way of managing our schools. The object has been, on the part of both teacher and scholar, to go over as much territory as possible during the term, comprehension and practical use being of minor importance. The public are not satisfied with this routine way of teaching, and some measure should be adopted to break it up. We find scholars at the age of fifteen not so far advanced as they should be at twelve, and this not the fault of the scholar or teacher. It is simply because their time and intellectual power have not been made the most of. Teachers naturally follow the more brilliant pupils at the expense of the less favored. To avoid this, without injury to the more brilliant, is the object which we seek to attain. Perhaps no better way to accomplish this result is known than to have each school graded. We would have every scholar know, at the commencement of the term, what is expected of him in

his several studies during that term, and, if he fails in his examination at the close of the term, then he falls back into the next lower class. The school terms should be of uniform length, the studies apportioned to each term, care being exercised that no more be allotted to each class than can be thoroughly mastered, with ordinary diligence on the part of teachers and scholars. With this plan both parties have a definite object in view all the time, and ever avoid continually going over the same ground in a semi-unconscious condition.

The scholars would be stimulated to more thoroughness in their studies, and greater regularity in their attendance, knowing that if they fail in their examination, they lose their place in their class. Again, with this plan we know just where every scholar will be in his studies at any given time, provided he attends school regularly, and applies himself diligently. The teacher also receives an impetus, as she would dislike to have any of her school fail in the examination, for it would be presumptive evidence that she had failed in duty. With an active, thorough School Committee, and the hearty sympathy and coöperation of the public, this plan might be adopted with very decidedly beneficial results to our schools.

It is unpleasant to inaugurate any new methods, when you feel the criticising gaze of the public eye fastened upon you, ready to detect and magnify the slightest mistakes, but terribly slow to discover anything tending to improvement. To make any radical change in our schools a success, we must have the support of the parents. Honest and impartial criticism should not be withheld whenever and wherever it is needed. The parents have obligations in conjunction with the teacher, which many lose sight of and some wholly ignore. To provide a place for their children to attend school and secure the services of some one to instruct them, are unavoidable duties, but these are not all. They should consider it a sacred duty that their children be enabled to attend school regularly. A good practical education is the richest legacy they can bequeath them, and who can be so parsimonious and short-sighted as to deprive them of this privilege when it is within the reach of all? No labor too arduous, no sacrifice too great, to be willingly borne that your children may reap the full benefit of our common schools.

Parents should cheerfully second the teachers' efforts in the presence of their children, but reserve all criticisms. Unjust, harsh expressions in relation to the school or school house cannot result in any good to the child, nay, it must inevitably prove injurious. Our school houses may not be such as we could wish, still they should be clothed with a sanctity sufficient, at least, to protect them from the ravages of the youthful jack knife, or the dire effects of flying missiles. In short, the old school house should be considered as exempt from destruction as the home or the church.

Another element in the education of children is largely influenced by the home circle; the plasticity of the young mind. When we consider the susceptibility with which the young mind receives impressions, and the tenacity with which it retains them, how important it is that we should use the utmost care in making these impressions. In this parents can, and very often do, unwittingly neutralize the best efforts of the teacher. An infant child of English parentage, placed where it hears nothing but the German language spoken, would (excluding the law of heredity), speak German as fluently as one of that nationality.

What must be the effect upon the child who is constantly hearing ungrammatical expressions and unjust criticisms about the teacher? No teacher, however devoted she may be to her calling, can counteract this influence. Great care should be exercised to avoid the use of expressions inconsistent with a sound literary and moral education. Parents are inclined to judge the merits of a teacher by the reports of their children. This is not a safe guide, for is it probable that an interested party will give an impartial, unprejudiced account of a matter pertaining to self? We would not throw aside the child's story, nor would we give it full credence, until by investigation we had proved its veracity beyond doubt. Should prejudice warp the child's mind, what an opportunity presents itself for a timely and useful lesson.

Parents should, by their frequent visits to the schools, show to the teacher their heartfelt interest in her work, making suggestions whenever needed, which would always be accepted by the teacher in kindness, if made in the same spirit.

The public at large should feel a deep interest in our common schools. Edward Everett says, "Education is the one living fountain which must water every part of the social system." This is true in all ages and nations. If the fountain be pure, and well supplied, then will every and all parts watered by it receive a permanent benefit. Reform would be uncalled for, and the word would become obsolete. Our prisons, jails, and houses of correction would soon be empty, from a lack of recruits; money, now used to enforce law and subdue the vicious, could be used for more noble and glorious objects.

What suggestions can we give to teachers? First: Do not enter the profession unless you have a natural fitness and sincere love for the calling. Let no mercenary motive actuate you in your decision. When once installed in this business, let your whole time and energy be devoted to the advancement of this noblest of noble professions. While in the school room, your eye and ear should quickly detect any deviation from good deportment, which should promptly be corrected. All unintentional deviations or mistakes should be overlooked. Your scholars should be thrown as much as possible upon their dignity.

Ever remember that perfection is the boon of no one, and if you should make a mistake, by omission or commission, do not hesitate to acknowledge the same to your school. This will not lower your dignity, or lessen your authority as a teacher, but, on the contrary, will raise you in the estimation of your pupils. Be studiously careful that little mistakes do not continually recur, lest your scholars lose confidence in your ability as an instructor. Adopt the monitorial system as much as possible, and with proper management this may be used largely, with great advantage to all. There is no better way to make your instruction practical. Be not scrupulously particular in noticing every little youthful prank, when not actuated by a vicious motive, for often the noticing leads to more trouble than its non-observance.

Finally: Let no opportunity pass in which you can impress upon your scholars a lesson that may improve them intellectually or morally.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOOKS BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

Received of School Committee of 1877-8,	\$37 52	
Bought of L. T. Webster,	29 30	
“ J. L. Hammett,	57 20	
“ F. G. Tilton & Co.,	1 68	
“ Knight, Adams & Co.,	55 39	
	<hr/>	\$181 09
Received of L. T. Webster, for books sold,	\$ 55 39	
Account of books given assessors,	15 19	
Amount of books burned,	110 51	
	<hr/>	181 09

Your committee agreed with Mr. Webster to keep and sell school books at 10 per cent. commission. The above account is as correct as we can give with the data left after the fire.

R. C. WARD, Chairman,	} <i>School</i> <i>Committee.</i>
ELIAS LYMAN, Sec'y,	
CHAS. T. PRESTON,	
MRS. E. S. G. LYMAN,	
JOHN L. BANKS,	
JOHN MATTOON,	

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 21, 1879.

1879

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

AND ASSESSORS,

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

TOGETHER WITH THE

Report of the School Committee,

For the Year ending February 17, 1880.

AMHERST, MASS.:
J. E. WILLIAMS, PRINTER.
1880.

Selectmen's Report.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Asa A. Holton, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$116 15	
Samuel G. Pratt, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	113 75	
Roswell Holton, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	65 45	
R. C. Ward, school committee,	71 25	
C. L. Preston, " "	18 75	
E. E. Belding, on auditing,	2 00	
Ira Coy, " "	2 00	
S. G. Titus, " "	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$391 35

HIGHWAYS.

Amount of money expended by the surveyors in each district in the town, the past year.

District No. 1, David T. Long,	232 54	
" " 2, Ira Coy,	288 53	
" " 3, John Wright,	172 23	
" " 4, J. Wesley Mann,	130 54	
" " 5, F. A. Hilliard,	134 04	
" " 6, Oscar Wood,	112 02	
" " 7, Sylvanus Field,	103 70	
" " 8, Elisha A. Smith,	37 72	
" " 9, T. Z. Allen,	61 16	
" " 10, Pitts W. Preston,	137 87	
" " 11, Edwin Lyman,	73 04	
Total,	<hr/>	\$1,483 39

In addition to the above sum there has been about three hundred and twenty-five dollars paid out the past year for work, plank, tile, etc., making the whole expense on the highways and bridges about eighteen hundred dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS.

F. B. Hale, schooling children in Bernardston,	\$31 31
J. Wesley Mann, repairs on school house,	7 87
W. Caldwell, wood furnished school district,	15 00
Sanford Weatherhead, repairs on ferry-boat,	1 50
A. C. Moulton, goods furnished L. May,	2 00
S. O. Lamb, professional services in 1878,	9 00-
R. C. Fisher, wood and repairs, school house,	5 25
Maria P. Bolles, teaching school, Dist. No. 2,	96 00
Hattie Fisher, " " " "	17 50
McCloud & Williams, printing town report,	24 00
Wm. F. Caldwell, boarding teacher, Dist. No. 7,	53 00
A. C. Higgins, teaching school,	70 00
Cora B. Holton, teaching school, Dist. No. 12,	90 00
Ella Spaulding, " "	78 00
Mary E. Hilliard, " " 1,	97 50
H. W. Montague, boarding teacher, Dist. 4,	42 25
Mrs. G. M. Starkweather, teaching, Dist. 1,	110 50
Fred Ross, care of school house, "	4 00
Henry Lyman, " " " 12,	3 25
Liberty Page, wood for the town house,	7 00
R. C. Ward, books for town library,	51 57
Lester Hale, support of Jennie Lord,	4 00
A. J. Brown, wood for school Dist. No. 13,	9 50
William Webster, for his support,	12 00
Lunatic Hospital, support Mary Pearson,	45 37
Lucretia Belknap, for her support,	5 00
Reform school, support of William Murphy,	13 00
Dr. E. P. Pierce, attending Solomon Marsh.	27 00
Rev. R. G. Toles, support Jennie Lord's child, and the Tolman children,	125 00
R. C. Ward, books for town library,	92 48

L. T. Webster, goods for Lucretia Belknap,	\$15 00
J. Wesley Mann, wood for district No. 3,	15 00
Shepard Holden, things furnished Mrs. Robbins,	11 47
Town of Danvers, support Wm. E. Northend,	18 00
R. C. Ward, school books,	130 12
George W. Page, keeping 117 tramps,	29 25
S. G. Titus, wood for district No. 4,	22 60
E. E. Lyman, damage received on highway,	10 00
Dr. E. P. Pierce, attending Solomon Marsh,	6 00
Leonard Sanderson, keeping 40 tramps,	4 00
Isabella Bolton, teaching, district No. 2,	56 00
Hattie Root, " " "	70 00
Abbie Pickett, " " 7,	50 00
Clesson Merriman, boarding teacher, dist. No. 3,	16 00
E. L. Holton, cleaning and repairing school house in district No. 7,	2 50
Caroline Barber, teaching, district No. 3,	34 00
Myron Chapin, boarding teacher, district 6,	25 90
Maverette Sprague, teaching, district 5,	50 00
C. R. Pomeroy, care of school house, wood and repairs, district 1,	13 89
Mrs. G. M. Starkweather, teaching, district 1,	70 00
Irene Mattoon, " " 11,	50 00
I. J. Ingram, " " 1,	75 00
Dr. E. P. Pierce, attending Mr. Belknap,	16 00
Martin Brown, teaching, district 2;	80 20
Gertrude Mattoon, " " 6,	35 00
Worcester lunatic hospital, support Mary Pearson,	45 56
Town of Montague, one-half ferry-boat,	40 00
C. R. Robbins, support of Emory Robbins,	19 50
Lester Hale, support of Jennie Lord,	5 00
Asa A. Holton, wood for town house,	20 00
" " " school district 12,	19 00
" " for support of Jennie Lord,	12 00
William Webster, for his support,	12 00
Myron Chapin, work in cemetery,	3 00
Overseers of the poor, Boston,	25 59

A. N. Kingsley, cleaning school house, dist. 13,	\$1 00
Sarah P. Riddell, teaching, district 13,	18 60
A. J. Preston, goods furnished Mrs. Belknap and Mrs. Robbins,	15 30
Simeon A. Field, bridge plank.	16 81
Lucius Stimpson, care of Lockhart Doolittle,	2 00
E. H. Starkey, for work,	1 00
F. H. Turner, painting town house,	59 53
Wm. D. Alexander, wood for school district 2,	20 91
Albert S. Stratton, repairs of town house,	625 00
H. W. Webster, care of water trough,	5 00
“ “ meal furnished Mrs. Robbins,	1 25
Charles Pomeroy, bridge plank,	26 70
“ abatement of highway tax on the Perry Farm,	3 95
A. C. Parsons, goods furnished the poor,	8 24
“ paints and oil,	1 80
R. C. Ward, school books,	44 90
W. J. Phelps, work on road scrapers,	7 00
R. C. Ward, school books,	35 49
Oliver N. Lloyd, keeping 34 tramps,	3 40
Carrie S. Priest, boarding teacher, district 13,	19 00
Conn. R. R. Co., freight bill,	78
Humphrey Machine Co., road scraper,	100 00
Worcester lunatic hospital, care Mary Pearson,	46 46
A. D. Aiken & Son, services rendered in the matter of the Gill station road and Tur- ner's Falls bridge,	29 05
James Wall, work as per bill,	4 00
Vt. C. R. R. Co., freight bill,	16 62
B. A. Clark, one bbl. cement,	1 75
C. H. Green, expense of surveying Belknap place,	5 00
“ “ “ building fence “	5 50
Henry W. Montague, cash paid for material and labor on cemetery fence at the Farms,	70 00
A. J. Preston, goods furnished David Belknap,	1 82
C. R. Robbins, for support of Emory Robbins,	19 50

H. W. Webster, wood for town house,	\$8 00
Miss Duncan, teaching, district 9,	52 00
C. H. Green, advertising, selling, and deeding Belknap place,	7 75
R. K. Caldwell, abatement of poor mens' and absentees' taxes,	81 89
Miss E. R. Savage, teaching, district 4,	50 00
C. R. Pomeroy, wood and repairs on school house, district 1,	37 10
Mrs G. M. Starkweather, teaching, district 1,	70 00
Miss I. M. Ingram, " " "	80 00
Carrie A. Barber " " 3,	67 50
Abbie J. Pickett, " " 7,	58 50
F. G. Morgan, boarding teacher, district 4,	30 00
Martin A. Brown, teaching, district 2,	101 75
E. O. Wheeler, care of water trough,	3 00
William Webster, for his support,	18 00
J. T. Johnson, M. D., attending Mrs Fred Collar,	9 00
Oscar Wood, things furnished district 5,	1 50
Nettie F. Stratton, teaching, district 5,	38 50
Maverette E. Sprague, " "	37 00
George D. Goodrich & Co., drain pipes,	99 60
Wm. Holton, mowing cemetery, West Northfield,	2 00
R. C. Ward, school books,	46 43
Oscar Slate, keeping 20 tramps,	2 00
C. H. Green, services and cash paid out as agent for town on Turner's Falls bridge,	25 00
Asa A. Holton, stove for town library,	2 50
Mrs. Susan Marsh, support Solomon Marsh,	15 00
Charles Arling, for his support,	4 00
C. H. Green, cash paid for poor, as per bill,	33 93
A. J. Arling, support Mrs Parmenter and child,	10 83
David Belknap, for his support,	8 00
Peter McHugh, house rent for Samuel Holton,	14 50
C. H. Green, plank, sleepers, lumber, as per bill,	71 37
Lyman Bros., work as per bill,	10 70
L. D. Crandell, over tax,	50

Earl Chapin, care school house district 6,	\$1 60
Myron Chapin, boarding teacher, “	43 50
Worcester lunatic hospital, care Mary Pearson,	46 03
Gertrude Mattoon, teaching, district 6,	64 00
W. W. Brooks, wood for district 7,	5 87
Elisha Smith, bridge plank,	9 00
Mrs F. Z. Allen, teaching, district 8,	96 00
County treasurer, assessment on Turner's Falls bridge,	2,571 44
Town of Weymouth, support of Mrs Parks,	32 50
Asa A. Holton, work and cash paid as per bill,	109 65
C. L. Robbins, support of Emory Robbins,	19 50
F. H. Turner, painting hearse,	3 00
Sarah J. Farnsworth, care of David Belknap,	18 75
Lyman Gilbert, things furnished district 4,	8 41
F. G. Montague, boarding teacher, “	35 00
Miss E. R. Savage, teaching, “	60 00
S. F. Starkweather, care school house, “	2 25
Albert S. Stratton, lumber and work on the town house,	76 75
Mary T. Stratton, care town library,	50 00
R. C. Ward, books for town library,	9 45
“ services to paupers as per bill,	5 25
R. K. Caldwell, discount on taxes,	282 36
“ “ collecting taxes, and cash paid for tax bills,	82 75
R. K. Caldwell, services as constable,	25 50
“ “ witness on the Turner's Falls bridge case,	6 00
Roswell Holton, for same,	6 00
Thomas Metcalf, same,	6 00
Henry W. Montague, same,	6 00
F. A. Hilliard, mowing cemetery at Farms,	2 00
George W. Page, trimming hearse,	1 50
L. T. Webster, things furnished town as per bill,	81 01
Charles H. Green, cash paid as per bill,	46 60
Henry Johnson, abatement highway tax on the Perry Farm,	3 95

Nelson W. Purple, stone for tomb in West Northfield,	6 40
A. C. Parsons, things furnished Samuel Holton,	4 12
Henry W. Montague, cash paid as per bill,	9 50
Henry Wright, 2d, for support of poor, care of town house, town clock, and driving the hearse, returns of deaths, and mowing the cemetery,	342 68
A. R. Lyman, meat furnished Samuel Holton,	9 00
R. K. Caldwell, wood furnished district 7,	2 50
Elias Lyman, services as treasurer, clerk, and cash paid out,	97 26
	<hr/> \$8,861 72

Assessor's Report.

Number of polls	441	
“ dwelling houses,	385	
“ horses,	344	
“ cows,	621	
“ sheep,	432	
“ acres of land assessed,	19,865	
Total value of personal estate,	\$75,793 00	
“ “ real estate,	563,983 00	
	<hr/>	\$639,776 00
Total amount of taxes assessed,	\$7,690 21	
Rate per cent.,	1.10	
Tax on each poll,	1.48	

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1879.

For schools,	\$2,000 00	
Highways and bridges,	1,500 00	
Contingent expenses,	2,000 00	
Repairing town house,	500 00	
Repairs in cemetery,	50 00	
Town library,	225 00	
State tax,	215 00	
County tax,	1,175 59	
Overlay,	24 62	
Total,	<hr/>	\$7,690 21

Report of Overseers of Poor.

The following persons are now at Mr. Wright's, fully supported by the town:—

Hubbard Phelps, Adelaide Field, Lucretia Sawyer, Lockhart Doolittle, and David Belknap.

Amount paid to Mr. Wright for support of the

poor, the past year, 515 56

Amount paid for support of the poor outside of

Mr. Wright's, 600 00

Total paid out for poor, ——— \$1,115 56

CHARLES H. GREEN,	} Overseers	
ASA A. HOLTON,		of
HENRY W. MONTAGUE,		the Poor.

Treasurer's Report.

FROM FEBRUARY 20, 1879, TO FEBRUARY 17, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

By cash in treasury, Feb. 20, 1879,	2,224 93
Received of R. K. Caldwell, tax 1878,	450 00
“ “ “ 1879,	7,150 00
“ Selectmen, money borrowed,	4,100 00
“ Overseers of the poor,	145 00
“ from sale of Belknap place,	354 31
“ R. C. Ward, sale of school books,	68 56
“ for liquor licenses,	150 00
“ Interest on surplus revenue,	74 84
“ J. L. Preston, note,	54 00
“ State treas. corporation tax,	586 40
“ National bank tax,	380 02
“ Mass. school fund,	229 52
“ State aid,	180 00
“ County treasurer, dog fund,	138 65
“ Auctioneers license,	4 00
“ for rent of Robbins place,	2 50
“ H. W. Montague,	3 00
“ for rent of town hall,	45 00
	<hr/> \$16,340 73

EXPENDITURES.

To cash paid on outstanding orders,	481 49
“ “ orders drawn by selectmen,	10,944 89
“ “ Henry Wright, note,	1,072 00

Received of County tax,	\$1,175 59
“ “ State tax,	215 00
“ “ State aid,	180 00
“ “ State treasurer $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license,	37 50
To cash in hands of treasurer,	2,234 26
	—————\$16,340 73

ELIAS LYMAN, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of Elias Lyman, Treasurer of the town of Northfield, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

E. E. BELDING,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
IRA COY,	
S. G. TITUS,	

Financial Condition of the Town.

FEBRUARY 17, 1880.

DUE AS PER AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Charles H. Green,	\$76 50	
Asa A. Holton,	52 49	
Henry W. Montague,	51 25	
	<hr/>	\$180 24

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

R. C. Ward,	\$98 75	
Elias Lyman,	3 00	
	<hr/>	101 75

AUDITOR'S BILLS.

E. E. Belding,	\$2 00	
Ira Coy,	2 00	
S. G. Titus,	2 00	
	<hr/>	6 00

DEBTS OUTSTANDING.

Charles H. Green's note and interest,	\$1,613 50	
Gardner Savings Bank, note and interest,	2,612 00	
	<hr/>	4,225 50
Total,		\$4,513 49
Balance in the Treasury,		2,234 26
Indebtedness of the town,		2,279 23

You are aware that the building of the Turner's Falls bridge is what has brought the town into debt, but you will see that the expenses of the town for the past year, aside from our assessment on the bridge, are less than the money appropriated at the last March meeting.

CHARLES H. GREEN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Northfield.</i>
ASA A. HOLTON,		
HENRY W. MONTAGUE,		

Report of School Committee.

In presenting this, our annual report, we feel that our labor, and the money expended in printing, will be thrown away, unless we make some suggestions whereby the Public Schools may be decidedly improved, and awaken an interest in the public mind sufficient to allow a trial of the suggestions. All educators are aware of the difficulty in teaching school successfully, where there is not a healthy public sentiment to support them. We often hear the remark, "What do I care for the schools? I have no interest in them." This remark should never escape the lips of a foreigner, (if he intends making this country his future home), much less of a native born citizen, whose posterity must grow up, blessed or cursed, by the influence of our public schools. Every man who has a sincere wish for the welfare of the country that has educated and protected him, must necessarily feel a deep interest in those who are to succeed him in perpetuating the stability of that country. How better can we manifest that interest than by giving our children an opportunity to secure a good, wholesome education?

Providing places for schools, and hiring competent instructors are not all the duties incumbent upon the public. Our school-houses should be *suitalbe* places for the instruction of our children. One of the great evils in many of our school-houses, is a lack of proper ventilation. Brain power and nerve force, are dependent on good blood, and good blood is dependent largely on pure air. When we find 25 or 30 scholars in a close room, 12 or 15 feet square, we expect to see leaden eyes, restlessness, inattention to studies, and to hear very poor recitations. Is it not presuming on the laws of hygiene, to expect the development of a child's intellectual powers when the brain is not only deprived of its proper nourishment, but poisoned by the noxious

gases inhaled in such crowded rooms? This is the cause of the "breaking down" of children, during their school days. Beautify your school-rooms as much as possible, but make them large and with plenty of pure air. In such rooms, close application to study will result in the growth of a healthy mind, not in disease. The emanations from a cess-pool, are not more deleterious to health, than the inhalation of air laden with Carbonic Acid gas. The former, receives the attention of Boards of Health, the latter, passes unnoticed. This evil in our school-houses should receive the earnest consideration of the public, and so far as possible, be removed.

Many think that when a competent teacher is engaged, their duties relating to the Public Schools are ended. This is a grave mistake. A competent teacher is not always one who can gracefully glide into that niche in every person's mind, provided for a good teacher. He will sometimes fail, and this from no fault of his. The public should be charitable in such cases, but too often do we find the reverse. Without due investigation, the teacher is condemned, and the child considers the school a failure. The failures are noticed, while the successes are passed by unheeded. This leads to the remark we often hear, "The schools are not so good as they were forty years ago." Such a remark, if true, is, to say the least, very discouraging to those engaged in educating the children of to-day. We can but think this remark akin to others, lamenting the retrogression of the world morally. If the schools of to-day are measured by the same standard used forty years ago, we think they will compare favorably, and we feel quite sure they will compare favorably with those of *thirty* years ago. The public should assist the teacher, not by precept alone, but by example. A failure in this last, we find in the use of expressions, violating the rules of Grammar. We name a few of the more common. "Be you going to the village?" "Haint you seen him?" "He want worth nothing." These, with numerous others, are greeting the ears of our children daily, and it is a hard task for the teacher to counteract the influence thus constantly brought to bear on the minds of the young. We cannot drop these expressions at once, from having acquired them when young, but we should strive to eradicate them from our conversation as quickly as possible.

The village of Northfield, the pride of its inhabitants, and admiration of strangers, should not be without a High school, where the children of the town can secure a thorough business education, or prepare to enter any of our first-class colleges. The rich man can send his boy away to complete his education, but the poor man's boy must content himself with what he can learn in the common school. A High school would *increase* taxation, it might *not* increase the valuation of real estate, but it would certainly multiply the mental powers of the rising generation. Whatever produces more intelligence in the masses, will make better government. Another potent reason why we should have a High school, lies in the fact that surrounding towns are availing themselves of this privilege. If we persistently refuse to give our children the same advantages that our neighbor's children have, we can but expect a painful distinction in the near future. Our young men should have the privilege of preparing themselves to take an active part in town business, and that understandingly, without going away from home. With no better educational facilities than we now afford, the rising generation must look to other towns for a practical business education. The public should encourage lyceums, and literary entertainments, taking an active part with the young people. It needs no prophetic eye to foretell the future condition of this town, unless we have a greater demonstrative interest in educating the young, than is now shown by the public.

TRUANCY.

A man's success in life, depends largely upon the amount of attention and energy he devotes to his business. This is no less true with the scholar. The boy, who attends school every day will improve, whether the school and its environments are models of excellence or not. We can but notice the disposition in some, to consider their education finished after they have passed the age of fifteen. They seem to think that the common school is not the place for them. It is among this class of scholars that truancy proves the most troublesome. They fall without the pale of the law, and their attendance at school depends upon their desire to learn, or the compulsion of the parents. The habitual truant soon loses his interest in the school,

however good the school may be, and not only deprives himself of the improvement he needs, but robs the rest of the school by that annoyance which always comes from a truant's wanting to know his place in class. He is behind in his studies, holding his class back, and trying the patience of the teacher to its utmost. When we come to examination, he is dumb in proportion to the time he has been out of school. The removal of this evil rests with the parents. They should remember that no child can sail through unruffled seas to positions of eminence and honor. Their children should have the opportunity of attending school, and if all will work in conjunction, they will not be compelled to drive them to school. Our experience with common schools has proved to us, that, other things being equal, the child that attends school with the least number of absences, is always the child that makes the greatest improvement.

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

With the present system of hiring teachers, we must expect occasionally a teacher who does not meet our expectations. To say that all of our schools have been successful would be hazardous. We find in some of our schools too little attention given to reading. This is one of the most important branches taught, and should receive more study. We mean by study, a thorough understanding of the sentiment contained in the piece to be read, then the ability to express that sentiment audibly. Calling the words in the reading book at a velocity almost incredible, with no regard to articulation, inflection and modulation, is but little less than jargon. We are pleased to notice decided improvement in writing. Many of our scholars might compare their hand writing with that of older ones, with no fear of being shaded by the comparison.

In some of our schools attention has been given to drawing, and it is pleasing to see the interest shown by the scholars, and to see how quickly they become quite proficient in the art. Free hand drawing is a useful acquisition for every one, be their calling in life what it may. We hope this art may be taught more and more in *all* of the Common schools. Some of the teachers have made their scholars repeat examples in arithmetic before giving the answer. We cannot think this practice beneficial to the scholar.

Few can make it successful. The solution of the example is lost in the effort to memorize the question, and the teacher must prompt in both the question and the solution. This does not develop the mental powers. Scholars should receive as little assistance from the teacher as possible. Frequent promptings from the teacher tends to make the scholar inattentive, and unable to cope with anything requiring mental effort. Let the scholar solve the problem unaided, and if the solution is incorrect, lead him to the error in such a way that he will see it before you tell him. This teaches the child to depend upon himself, and to look forward for something new. In grammar too much attention has been given to the grammar "parse," and not enough to the avoidance of much used ungrammatical expressions. A thorough knowledge of grammar is of little avail unless this knowledge is applied in common conversation and writing. Teachers are sometimes careless with their expressions in school, and perhaps this fault might be found beyond the circle of teachers. Instruction in the other branches has been satisfactory. We do not individualize any teacher as having failed, or succeeded to that degree where further improvement is impossible, but specify certain deficiencies that exist, more or less, in nearly every school.

CHANGING TEACHERS.

The change of teachers each term, which is practiced in some schools, robs the scholars of about one-half of their time; consequently, so much money thrown away. No teacher can utilize her time to the greatest advantage, until she becomes fully acquainted with her scholars, and this takes time. After she gets her school at work profitably, then she must yield to her successor, who is obliged to repeat all that her predecessor has done. This should be avoided. Employ none but good teachers, then keep them so long as they do justice. Trivial faults, or personal dislikes, should not dismiss a good teacher, neither should a poor teacher retain her position from personal favor, or nepotism. Duty, not policy, should actuate those who hire teachers. We know it is trying to refuse a friend's sister, or daughter; but it should be done when the best interests of the school demand it. With few exceptions, the schools for the past year have been successful. Parents have not visited the schools as

much as we could wish. We hope that all, with one united effort, will strive to place our schools on a higher basis. An effort, which, if successful, will redound to the honor and glory of the town.

R. C. WARD, Chairman,	}	<i>School</i>
ELIAS LYMAN, Sec'y,		
JOHN L. BANKS,		
MRS. E. S. G. LYMAN,		<i>Committee.</i>
E. R. MORGAN,		
CLESSON MERRIMAN,		

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Mrs. R. C. WARD,

IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, DR.

1879.

April 28,	To paid Dr. M. S. Meade, for books,	\$23 40	
May 8,	" Knight, Adams & Co., "	106 06	
June 11,	" " " "	2 50	
Aug. 29,	" R. S. Davis & Co., "	42 40	
Sept. 19,	" " " "	13 74	
Dec. 5,	" Dr. M. S. Meade, "	17 24	
Dec. 23,	" Knight, Adams & Co., "	29 19	
	" Freight and express on "	91	
			\$235 44

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By cash paid Town Treasurer,	\$68 56	
Books charged, (amount given Assessors,)	26 76	
" Exchanged,	42 40	
" Slates, etc., on hand,	97 72	
		\$235 44

We have examined the above account, and find it correct and properly vouched for.

E. E. BELDING,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
IRA COY,		
S. G. TITUS,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

TO THE INHABITANTS OF

NORTHFIELD,

1880-81.

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GREENFIELD:

W. S. CARSON, PRINTER, ARMS' BLOCK,
1881.

Your Selectmen in presenting their annual report would ask your attention to some points in relation to the report, which may make its contents more clear to some. As the law requires that town reports shall be printed, it has been for several years the custom to close the financial year about the middle of February in order to have time for the report to be printed, and ready for distribution previous to the March meeting, and their reports should cover all receipts and payments of the entire year, say, from Feb. 15th to Feb. 15th; thus it sometimes as in this year occurs, that reporting the expenses of supporting schools for the year, we are obliged to report a part of the expenses of the previous year; thus, school expenses are due upon the close of the term. Last year several schools closed immediately upon the commencement of the town's new business year, and as the same schools closed just before the close of the same year, it will be readily seen that the expenses of one term of last year's schools in several of the districts, is necessarily included in moneys paid during this year, for support of schools and therefore while we have paid during the year \$2643 30 for support of schools, \$2022 00 was the expenses of the schools this year, and \$621 30 was virtually for the schools of last year.

In the apportionment of the expenses of building Turners Falls bridge among the several towns supposed to be most benefitted by it, it was the misfortune of this town to be called upon to pay towards it, an amount seemingly far beyond what was just and equitable, as our proportion, this together with the necessary town appropriations has made the taxes of this year necessarily large and burdensome, but as your condition has changed from a debt of \$2279 00 one year ago, to a balance in your favor of \$1579 00 now, your assessors feel to hope that with all the usual necessary annual appropriations (if we are not called upon to pay for another county bridge), the rate of taxation may be reduced from \$1 45 this, to near \$1 00 for the coming year.

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Selectmen in account with Town of Northfield,

DR.

To orders drawn upon Treasurer during year. \$9728 03

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By paid Charles H. Green, "Selectman"	76 50
Asa A. Holton, "	52 49
Henry W. Montague, "	51 25
R. C. Ward "School Committee,"	98 75
Elias Lyman, " "	3 00
E. E. Belden, "Auditor,"	2 00
Ira Coy, "	2 00
S. G. Titus, "	2 00
Outstanding orders,	118 15
On account Turners Falls Bridge,	2682 34
Library Committee,	275 00
Contingent expenses,	1440 49
Support of Poor,	968 25
Support of Schools,	2643 30
Support of Highways,	1312 51

\$9728 03

L. T. WEBSTER,	} Selectmen.
ASA A. HOLTON,	
HENRY W. MONTAGUE,	

February 18th, 1881.

HIGHWAYS.

The following payments have been made for supporting and repairing the highways during the past year and includes snow bills in amount of about \$150.00.

A. J. Arlin, labor,	\$ 60
Liberty Page, sleepers for bridge and labor,	10 55
William W. Merriman, labor,	3 00
Charles S. Worden, labor and team,	89 17
Wright Arlin, labor,	16 25
H. H. Johnson, "	9 00
Stephen Keet, "	10 22
Charles Keet, "	1 25
Charles Mack, "	2 12
John A. Grout, "	2 15
Harrison Moors, "	87
John Dale, "	17 00
Charles Pomeroy, labor and team work,	20 12
David Dale, " " "	17 87
Charles Howard, " " "	7 50
Henry Mason, " " "	3 12
J. L. Mattoon, "	29 50
James Wall, "	76 87
Elisha Alexander, "	33 00
Edwin Lyman, labor and team work,	29 87
Roselle Evans, "	1 25
Michiel Piggott, "	4 37
James Arlin,	7 50
Simeon May,	1 88
H. J. Evans,	63
Charles L. Robbins, labor and team,	26 17
Isaac Murdock, "	8 00
John Stimpson, "	5 38
Ansel Collar, "	10 75
Melvin Collar, "	10 60
Myron Chapin, "	2 43
Earl Chapin, "	2 00
Edward Turner, "	4 87
George Piper, "	4 87
William Piper, "	4 75
Frank Piper, "	1 12
Oliver T. Greenlief, "	14 12
Otis T. Greenleaf, "	38 75
Otis I. Greenleaf, "	4 50

J. B. Pierce,	labor,	\$1 25
A. Shepardson,	"	3 75
George Murdock,	"	1 25
George Cummings,	"	2 50
William Pierce,	"	2 00
Lester Collar,	"	37
Herbert Robbins,	"	1 00
George Heath,	"	68
Charles Stimpson,	"	93
Edward Murdock,	"	93
Earnest Sargent,	"	93
George Devoll,	"	1 50
S. H. Collar,	"	50
J. B. Putney,	"	1 75
Benjamin Davis,	"	3 25
James A. Dresser,	labor with team,	73 79
James E. Dresser,	" " "	4 12
Joel Randell,	"	43 21
Gardner Collar's Sons,	labor,	1 80
H. M. Ward,	"	25
E. E. Russell,	"	25
Clarance Randell,	"	43
Alexander Holton,	"	62
Asa A. Holton,	"	8 87
John H. Robbins,	"	7 18
Lester Hale,	"	2 50
Roswell Stratton,	"	5 63
George Pratt,	"	60
Alonzo Billings,	"	50
P. McHugh,	"	15
Sylvanus Field,	"	1 25
Elisha A. Smith,	"	4 41
Oscar Woods,	" with team,	20 63
Lucius Stimpson,	"	8 50
Lucian Stimpson,	"	6 61
P. Pierce,	"	1 00
F. Farnsworth,	"	50
J. P. Wentworth,	"	8 25
Ralph Simons,	"	1 25
F. H. Simons,	"	1 25
Charles Moore,	"	2 75
S. Fisher,	"	3 13
Frank Whithead,	"	3 51
A. J. Holland,	"	3 50
H. J. Dunham,	"	5 65
Thomas Quinlan,	" with team,	44 65

Thomas Mason,	\$33 62
Charles X. James,	12 48
John Grace,	8 12
Isaac Mattoon, labor,	75
G. R. Stebbins, "	1 25
Mr. Tuffs, "	2 50
Mikie Pigott, "	1 50
Henry C. Holton, " with team,	35 52
F. Z. Allen, "	21 55
M. H. Day, stone work highways,	7 87
C. D. Stebbins, "	50
J. Maynard, "	1 75
Patrick Dalton, "	38
T. Crehan, "	62
James Campbell, "	38
Alvin A. Long, "	38
T. B. Mattoon, "	63
Warren J. Wright, "	3 00
J. B. Callender, use horse cart,	1 25
A. D. Stearns, plank,	25
C. W. Shepardson, labor with team,	36 74
A. L. Hale, labor,	14 20
George Fisher, "	4 57
Elias Lyman, "	3 94
Clarence Moody, "	31
Andrew G. Hale, "	16 50
Roswell Holton, "	10 80
E. E. Belden, labor with team,	10 50
William Burrows, labor,	2 65
H. Howe, "	6 00
R. K. Caldwell, "	12 44
D. Kingsley, "	45
J. L. Preston, team work,	22 00
P. W. Preston, labor and team work,	34 30
N. W. Purple, labor and team work,	3 00
E. Dickinson, railings,	1 40
J. B. Morgan, labor,	37
J. N. Aldrich, "	2 50
Landman Nye, "	20 82
Nelson Hilliard, "	2 50
Westley Mann, "	1 25
Winsor Morgan, "	2 50
Fred Simonds, "	4 27
Amos Whitaker, "	2 75
John E. Nye, labor with team,	14 46
Clesson Merriman, labor with team,	6 58

H. C. Field,	labor,	\$19 31
F. G. Morgan,	"	1 00
Joseph Barton,	"	3 36
Anson Gage,	"	1 12
William Whitaker,	"	2 49
Z. Warner,	"	1 25
Geo. F. Alexander,	"	1 50
S. G. Titus,	"	3 12
I. Merriam,	"	2 50
Albert Whitaker,	"	10 50
H. W. Montague,	"	5 99
Simeon A. Field,	"	1 25
Wm. Merriam,	"	2 50
E. C. Nash,	"	5 00
James Delany,	"	2 50
Samuel Stickney,	"	7 99
Freeman Hilliard,	"	1 25
W. H. Stratton,	"	3 87
Samuel Ruggles,	"	3 12
S. G. Pratt,	"	5 00
Summer Stratton,	"	5 00
William Darlin,	"	1 50
Eliott C. Gage,	"	1 25
M. C. Miller,	"	12 87
Lyman Gilbert,	"	5 12
D. Benjamin,	"	1 00
Thomas Metcalf,	"	3 00
William Browning,	"	1 00
Eiisha Stratton,	"	50
Mr. Shatney,	"	1 25

Total expense of Highways,

\$1312 51

CONTINGENT AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

PAID AS FOLLOWS:

J. E. Williams, printing town reports 1880,	\$24 00
Town of Gill, balance due on account of ferries,	23 00
Library committee, for books purchased,	214 50
Sundry bills for school books,	127 04
C. H. Green, services rendered town after Feb. 15th,	9 00
Oliver T. Greenleaf, support water-trough 1877-78-79,	4 50
Lyman brothers, repairs of town furnace,	2 16
Rev. T. J. Clark, attending funerals of H. Robbins and S. Marsh.	6 00

Gracia Adams, error of assessment 1879,	\$1 38
Timothy Field, " " " 1880,	18 21
H. W. Webster, support of water-trough,	5 00
Insurance of town house,	26 25
Lucius Stimpson, digging grave and mowing yard,	6 00
A. S. Stratton, bridge plank,	4 59
Asa A. Holton, expenses before legislative committee,	14 00
S. A. Field, library share as per vote of town,	15 00
Gardner savings bank (Turners Falls bridge loan) note and interest,	2682 34
E. H. Starkey, repairing scraper and town work,	6 30
Otis T. Greenleaf, bridge plank \$14 per M,	11 43
Estate George Holton, error of assessment,	2 00
A. G. Hale, sleepers "Pachaug" bridge,	18 00
W. H. Jennings, bridge plank \$17 per M,	20 82
John P. Wentworth, over assessment,	4 60
J. A. Williams, wood for town house \$4 per cord,	16 77
E. A. Wheeler, supporting water-trough,	3 00
Henry Johnson, abatement highway tax "Perry farm,"	3 95
Charles Pomeroy, " " " " " "	3 95
E. W. Colton, surveying on town lines,	21 25
William Bain, board and care of Ellen Sullivan, state pauper,	64 43
Dr. E. P. Pierce, medical attendance to same,	28 00
Jonathan Lyman, bridge plank \$12 per M,	21 60
George A. Long, making trucks complete for scraper,	40 00
Benjamin F. Gains, error of assessment,	3 91
H. B. Parker, support of water-trough,	2 00
Flora E. Lane, services as librarian,	55 00
" " " sundry necessities furnished library,	5 50
Dr. R. C. Ward, medical services, F. Magoon, state pauper,	15 00
Fay and Newton, 769 feet bridge plank, \$15 per M.	11 53
B. B. Noyes & Co., sections old boiler for water-troughs,	32 60
H. W. Montague, expenses drawing out ferry boat,	6 30
A. A. Holton, setting four bound stones on highway,	4 00
Oscar E. Slate, keeping 45 tramps to May 1st,	4 50
A. A. Holton, sleepers for and repairing bridge,	11 00
Clesson Merriman, time spent with school committee,	2 00
N. W. Purple, breakage of scraper,	2 00
Thomas B. Mattoon, over assessment,	87
Henry Murdock, " "	1 05
A. D. Stearns, error of " "	2 47
Aaron Morgan, making and lettering four guide boards,	8 00
Dr. R. C. Ward, fare on account of paupers,	1 43

Affidavits to valuation returns,	75
L. T. Webster, expenses to Easthampton on account of paupers,	2 75
Railroad fare of C. S. Pratt to Natick,	3 20
Dwight S. Simonds, corrected valuation,	95
L. T. Webster, for sundry goods as per bill,	13 71
F. G. Tilton for list books,	2 25
Paid collector's tax book,	90
Paid blank town warrants,	75
R. K. Caldwell, abatement of sundry poor men's taxes for the year 1879,	56 98
R. K. Caldwell, abatement uncollected taxes 1878,	13 49
“ “ cash paid for tax bills,	2 50
“ “ services as constable,	22 00
“ “ services as collector,	82 00
“ “ discount on taxes paid as per vote of town,	376 02
Elias Lyman, services as treasurer,	40 00
“ “ “ clerk,	43 95
“ “ for paid sundry cash expenses as per bill,	14 50
Henry Wright, care town house,	27 40
“ “ town clock,	15 00
“ “ driving hearse,	39 00
“ “ return to town clerk of deaths,	6 25
“ “ mowing cemetery,	7 00
L. T. Webster, postage stamps, express &c. paid,	8 19

\$4397 83

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS.

A. R. Lyman, wood for district No. 1,	\$36 00
B. A. Stimpson, wood for district No. 5,	7 60
Westley Mann, wood for district No. 3,	18 00
George F. Alexander, wood for district No. 4,	17 10
Isreal Lyman, wood for district No. 2,	12 59
Alexander Holton, wood for district No. 9,	12 25
Henry W. Howe, wood for district No. 7,	6 25
Otis T. Greenleaf, wood for district No. 6,	3 00
Charles R. Pomeroy, articles for use in school dist., No. 1, last year,	9 50
Mrs. I. Carroll, cleaning school house school district No. 1, last year,	1 50
Mrs. William Dale, cleaning school house, school dis- trict No. 1,	5 25
John Carroll, care of school house, school district No. 1,	8 00

A. R. Lyman, sundry expenses on account schools district No. 1,	5 94
Frank H. Turner, repairs etc., on account school district No. 2,	1 90
Clesson Merriman, articles use of school dist. No. 3,	10 30
Willie Hart, care school house, " " 9,	3 00
J. H. Wentworth, care school house, " " 5,	3 45
H. W. Howe, " " " " 7,	2 50
Otis T. Greenleaf, " " " " 6,	2 00
H. F. Field, care for year, school house, school district No. 4,	6 00
H. F. Field, school supplies, district No. 4,	2 50
James Greenwood, care school house, district No. 7,	3 00
Willie Holton, " " " " " 9,	3 00
Dr. R. C. Ward, stove pipe purchased for district No. 7,	1 65
N. W. Purple, carrying scholars district No. 7,	28 00
Asa A. Holton, boarding teacher, " " 9,	33 00
Mrs. L. W. Moore, boarding teacher, district No. 9,	36 00
H. W. Montague, " " " " 4,	83 00
Elisha A. Smith, " " " " 6,	14 00
Otis T. Greenleaf, " " " " 6,	67 50
Electa Dickinson, " " " " 7,	25 00
Eva E. Slate, teaching district No. 1,	235 00
Lizzie M. Ingram, " " " 1,	102 00
Gertrude C. Mattoon, " " " 1,	240 50
Mrs G. M. Starkwe'ther, " " " 1,	90 00
Martin A. Brown, " " " 2,	247 37
Anna H. Doolittle, " " " 2,	80 80
Jennie Streeter, " " " 3,	84 00
Mary E. Hilliard, " " " 3,	120 00
Abby J. Pickett, " " " 4,	158 00
Belle S. Benjamin, " " " 4,	60 00
Irine Mattoon, " " " 5,	120 00
Nellie Wentworth, " " " 6,	21 00
Mary B. Randell, " " " 6,	99 00
Belle E. Metcalf, " " " 7,	112 00
Mrs. Fred Z. Allen, " " " 8,	144 00
Clarence S. Hale, " " " 9,	57 00
Cora B. Holton, " " " 9,	203 85

\$2643 30

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The contract between the town and Henry Wright 2d, for the support of the poor, expires the first of April next. Your overseers feel that at this time it is but just for us to state, that during the time of his contract (three years,) the persons being mostly aged and infirm who have come under his charge, have been comfortably clothed and fed, and have in sickness and in health, been treated with care and kindness by Mr. Wright and family, for which they show their thankfulness by expressions of gratitude, of satisfaction, and contentment with their present situation, as far as their unfortunate condition will admit.

During the past year two deaths have occurred among those at his house, Adalans Field, aged 77 and George L. Doolittle, aged 56 years.

The following persons have been and are now supported at Mr. Wright's house. Hubbard Phelps, aged 80; David Belknap, 78; Samuel S. Holton, 69 and Lucretia Sawyer, aged 47.

The town is now supporting at the insane asylum at Worcester, Miss Mary Pierson and Mrs Catherine Hamell, at an expense of about \$350 per year, and receives annually from Mr. R. K Caldwell, guardian of Miss Pierson, about \$80 towards her support, as these persons are both young and should they continue insane, they will probably be a source of considerable expense to the town for some years to come.

Three members of the family of Chauncy Kimplin have been some time, and are now sick at Easthampton, and as they cannot be moved quite a bill will necessarily be incurred.

L. T. WEBSTER,	} Overseers	
ASA A. HOLTON,		of
H. W. MONTAGUE,		the Poor.

Henry Wright, 2d. for support of poor persons at his house for the year ending April 1881,	\$521 00
Mrs. Harriett Okeley, for board of William Webster,	57 42
Charles S. Robbins, for support of Emory Robbins,	75 75
Mrs. S. Marsh, assistance to Solomon Marsh,	5 00
Paid for coffin for Solomon Marsh,	8 00
“ “ “ “ Jesse Kimplin,	8 50
“ provisions for Samuel S. Holton previous April 6th,	6 00
“ P. McHugh rent for Samuel S. Holton previous to April 6th,	4 00
Clothing bought for Susansa Grout,	3 49
Medical assistance to Lorenzo B. Putney,	15 00
Groceries and provisions furnished Samuel Lord,	6 00
Dr. R. C. Ward, medical attendance sickness Jennie Lord,	6 57
Dr. R. C. Ward, “ “ “ Alonzo Billings' family,	29 75
A. R. Lyman, meat, Alonzo Billings' family,	2 00
L. T. Webster, groceries and provisions, Alonzo Billings' family,	10 45
Mrs. Sarah Farnsworth as nurse, Alonzo Billings' family,	17 50
A. C. Parsons, suit of clothes for William Webster,	7 50

Total expense for Resident Poor, \$783 93

ASSISTANCE RENDERED POOR LIVING IN OTHER TOWNS.

Town of Athol on account family Arthur Okeley,	\$36 26
“ “ “ “ Apolas Beach,	37 48
Town of Chesterfield, on account Ester Pratt,	5 00
“ “ “ “ family Chuuncy Kimlin,	6 40
“ Weymouth, “ Mrs. Parks,	5 00
“ Shutesbury, “ Susanna Grout,	9 85
“ Montague, “ “ “	8 00
“ Spencer, “ Francis Labonte,	5 33
City of Boston, on account William Linton,	4 50
Paid expenses incurred in visiting and moving poor,	16 50
Paid Dr. W. M. Trow of Easthampton, towards expenses of present sickness in the family of Chauncy Kimplin,	50 00

Total expense of poor exclusive of the insane, \$968 25

ASSESSORS REPORT.

Assessed value of Real Estate,	\$567,888 00
Assessed value of Personal Estate,	80,135 00
Total valuation May 1st, 1880,	\$648,023 00
Number acres of land assessed,	20,112
“ dwelling houses “	374
“ horses, “	356
“ cows “	552
“ sheep “	413
“ polls “	435

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1880.

Voted for schools,	2000 00
“ “ highways and bridges,	1500 00
“ “ contingent expenses,	2000 00
“ “ town library,	275 00
“ “ pay't Turners Falls bridge loan,	2600 00
For payment County tax,	1194 44
“ “ State tax,	645 00
Overlay,	114 85
Total raised by tax,	\$10,329 29
On polls,	870 00
“ personal estate,	1161 96
“ real estate,	8,297 33
	\$10,329 29
Rate per cent. \$1.45.	
Tax on each poll, \$2.	

L. T. WEBSTER,
 ASA A. HOLTON,
 H. W. MONTAGUE, } Assessors.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

FEBRUARY 18TH, 1881.

Cash in treasury as per settlement with		
Treasurer this day,	\$2740 06	
Due from collector for tax of 1880,	729 29	
“ “ the state for support of state		
paupers,	110 43	
	<hr/>	\$3579 78

DUE AS PER AUDITORS REPORT.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

L. T. Webster,	\$ 93 75
Asa A. Holton,	109 30
H. W. Montague,	51 87

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Dr. R. C. Ward,	78 75
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AUDITORS BILLS.

A. C. Parsons,	2 00
L. T. Webster,	2 00
S. G. Titus,	2 00

DEBTS OUTSTANDING.

Charles H. Green's note and interest,	1661 00	
Balance in favor of the town,	1579 11	
	<hr/>	\$3579 78

L. T. WEBSTER,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
ASA A. HOLTON,	
H. W. MONTAGUE,	

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD FROM FEBRU-
ARY 17th, 1880, TO FEBRUARY 19th, 1881.

EXPENDITURES.

To cash paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$9728 03
“ “ County tax,	1194 44
“ “ State tax,	645 00
“ “ Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	249 32
“ “ Danvers “ “	58 13
“ “ Interest on C. H. Green's note,	90 00
“ “ State treasurer 1-4 liquor license,	37 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	2740 06
	————— \$14,742 48

We have examined the accounts of Elias Lyman, Treasurer of Northfield, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

A. C. PARSONS,	} Auditors.
L. T. WEBSTER,	
S. G. TITUS,	

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD FROM FEBRU-
ARY 17th, 1880, TO FEBRUARY 19th, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

By cash in treasury Feb. 17; 1880,	\$2,234 26
Received of R. K. Caldwell, tax 1878,	35 07
“ “ “ “ tax 1879,	544 98
“ “ “ “ tax 1880,	9600 00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	779 97
“ “ National Bank tax,	525 52
“ “ State aid,	187 00
“ “ State school fund,	215 85
County Treasurer dog fund,	102 80
Liquor licenses,	150 00
R. C. Ward from sale of school books,	102 69
Overseers of Poor,	80 00
Interest on surplus revenue,	75 84
Rent of Town hall,	89 25
Auctioneer's license,	4 00
Town of Conway,	2 50
Town of Erving,	1 75
Town of Winchester, N. H.,	1 00
	————— \$14,742 48

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

In compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth, the Superintending School Committee of Northfield, respectfully present the following report of the schools for the past year.

The relation the common school holds to the stability of government, is a question that naturally presents itself for consideration in a school report. This like all other questions presents two sides for discussion, but it is not our province to disparage the common school. The Jews have a popular and beautiful saying, "The world is saved by the breath of school children." The beauty of this saying lies in its truthfulness. The educational institutions of this state, which every citizen may justly feel a pride in, owe their success and influence to the action of our forefathers, in establishing schools 245 years ago. From the foundation then laid, there has extended a power that is felt in all parts of our country. The Massachusetts Bay Colony in its infancy, raised \$2000 for the purpose of establishing a school. The result of this move is now known as Harvard College, the oldest and most prosperous institution of learning in the country. The triennial catalogue of 1872, contained the names of 12,175 graduates from this college, 7000 of whom were then living. The influence of these men has been, and is now felt through the world.

Does any one question the wisdom of the Puritans, in thus early caring for the "breath of the school children?" Can any one estimate the potency that has been exerted in shaping the affairs of other states and the nation, which sprang from the seed planted in Cambridge in 1636? Had this factor in the establishment of a new government been left out, this country could never have attained to the eminence it now occupies. This noble legacy left us by our ancestors, we should guard with a jealous care, and leave it unimpaired to our posterity, a duty that should always be based upon love. Each town is a fractional unit of the great whole, whose duty it is to see that this legacy shall be *added* to in its transmission. If any town fails to do its whole duty in this

matter of vital importance, it engenders a dry fungus that soon neutralizes its own utility, and infects surrounding towns. It is well to pause here and ask the question, have we as a town, done our whole duty? The answer must be in the negative. If to specify some of the omissions and commissions, would lead to a radical change, our effort would be amply rewarded.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

First. There should be a day's heartfelt interest, and sound judgment, in the choice of those who are to be entrusted with the supervision of your schools. Elect those in whose ability and fidelity you have confidence and none other; then assist them in their labors, with your sympathy at least. The duties of a school committee are anything but pleasant, when they have to contend with the apathy and often with the open opposition of the public. Their labors with these obstacles constantly presented, must necessarily result in far less benefit to the schools than might otherwise accrue.

CLERGYMEN AND TOWN OFFICERS.

The Legislators of this Commonwealth evidently considered the religious and civil prosperity of the State, closely interwoven with that of the school, when they made it the *duty* of resident ministers of the gospel and selectmen of a town, to co-operate with the school committee in enforcing the attendance of the youth in schools established for their instruction. An interested performance of this duty on the part of the officers named, would result in great good for the schools. It would evidence to the teachers and scholars, that their work and its results were under the scrutiny of the leading men of the town. It would create an earnest desire on the part of both teacher and scholar to merit their approval. It would tend to check the growth of rudeness, illmanners and other evils, that arise from want of notice by superiors. It would be a powerful factor in creating a healthy public sentiment in favor of our schools. School children are like older people, they appreciate the notice of those not immediately connected with them, and by this are stimulated to greater exertion.

PARENTS.

It is not a statutory duty of parents to visit the schools or to

assist in enforcing attendance, but they should be prompted to do both by a law, higher than that found in any civil code extant. We are pleased to know that many of the parents of children attending school, (especially the mothers) have manifested quite an interest in the schools. We hope this interest will extend to the fathers and to those who have no scholars. If the habit of visiting schools was more generally practiced, there would be more true sympathy for the teacher, a closer bond of union between teacher and scholar, and very much less censure. The Jews are accredited with another saying embodying a truth that is universal: "That child is best educated who is first taught by his mother." The force of this truth rests upon the fact, that the mother is a true teacher. It is supposed that every mother will educate her child in that which will result in the greatest good. We sometimes see the reverse of this, however much the mother may desire it otherwise.

We have noticed the past winter, disrespect toward teachers from scholars, which emanated without doubt from the child having heard the parents speak disrespectfully of the teacher. A moment's reflection must convince every thinking parent, that this practice results in injury to the child only. Scholars should be taught to respect that which a teacher represents.

TEACHERS.

Josh Billings says; "Flattery is like Cologne-water, made to smell of, but not to swallow." We do not individualize any teacher for flattery or censure, but present some points wherein nearly every teacher has failed to accomplish all she might. It is required of all teachers, not only to impart a knowledge of books, but to instill as much as possible into the minds of her pupils, "all those virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded." Veneration, is a virtue which has not been given the importance it deserves. We would have this taught in its broadest meaning. Teach your scholars to reverence everything that ennobles and makes them better, pity the erring, and respect all.

Ingenuousness should be treated as a virtue of priceless worth, rather than an evidence of weakness.

Children, who are open and frank in their actions, confessing

their own faults, unwilling to shield others in their wrong doing, are too often considered below the standard. This trait of character in a child should be cultivated, and everything that tends to destroy it should be corrected. A school is a good place to learn the little practices of making things appear different than what they really are, unless the teacher uses all the vigilance she can. Perhaps the greatest fault of our teachers, has been the idea of considering the child's mind a cellar, or store house. rather than a garden plot which is to be cultivated by their labor. The children are presented to them with mental powers, which it is their duty to develop. They are to use good seed, and cultivate properly. If they do this the harvest will be bountiful, proportionate to the fertility of the soil. It is the duty of the gardener to root up the noxious weed, as much as to cultivate the useful plant. We hope teachers may devote more energy in this direction, than has been done heretofore. If this fact is thoroughly observed in our schools, instead of having a class of scholars filled with dry facts received from the teachers, like so much produce garnered for future use, liable to losses in various ways, we shall have a beautiful, mental garden filled with useful plants, each of which will produce a delicious fruit of its kind. These results, growing with the child, are part and parcel of the child, and will never be lost.

SCHOOL SYSTEM.

The present system of managing our schools does not give them all that can be given, even in a country town like this. Whether we remain in the district system, or pass into the town system, we should have a high school. The old district system is followed by but few towns to-day. If the town system was not the best, would not more towns follow the old? As we now are, there is no head to our schools. No other business can prosper, managed as our schools are, and we doubt if they will retain the standing they now have. Give us the town system, a high school, a well arranged course of studies, and a school committee willing to work, and the educational status of this town will be raised by quite a percentage in a short time. It is an established fact, that division of labor produces greater results. Three shoemakers can do more in one day, than one can in three days. If we had a

high school, where scholars who pass the required examination, could enter and pursue their studies, after having attended a primary and grammar school, they would at the age of 14 years, be further advanced than they now are at 17 years of age. There is no reason why we may not have a good high school.

IMPROVEMENTS.

District No. 1 has erected a beautiful and commodious school house. This building is an ornament to the village, and credit to the district. In the upper part of the building is a large, pleasant room, that can be fitted and used for a high school. Those living in the out districts think they will not be benefited by having such a school in the village. Every part of the town is within accessible distance of the village, and can attend school there cheaper and easier than to go out of town. While some improvements have been made, there are others needed. The school houses in many of the districts need painting, some need repairs, and all need better facilities for ventilation.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Since the change in the limits of the school districts, three of them have not organized. A part of the inhabitants of one, feel aggrieved and have taken measures to have their grievances righted. The amount of money expended for schools in that district the past year, is \$206 50 for 16 scholars, making \$12 90 per scholar; while in district No. 1, the cost per scholar is \$6.40. They have a just claim to the benefits of a common school, and these have been within their reach the past year. It is impossible to give the rural districts the same facilities for attending school that villages have. We have noticed that the average scholarship in these districts is higher than in villages. This is due to the absence of diversions which take the scholars attention. We hope the parents in these districts will see it to be for their interest to maintain this absence of diversion.

CONCLUSION.

We cannot urge to strongly, the importance of scholars attending school every day. Tardiness may be unavoidable at times, but we feel that the number of absences is far greater than it should be. We are shaping the destiny of the coming generation, and what that shall be depends on the way our children are edu-

cated. As a rule, the child that is in his place always, at school, will be in his place always, in after life.

The inhabitants of a town must be more or less closely associated, and if we had more sympathy of feeling and unity of action, would it not be a noble gift to leave our posterity? In union there is strength. All selfish interests in the education of children, should be sunk in oblivion.

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FOR THE PAST YEAR.—AMOUNT PAID
TO FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

District No. 1,	\$532 19
“ “ 2,	219 16
“ “ 3,	138 00
“ “ 4,	248 60
“ “ 5,	131 05
“ “ 6,	206 50
“ “ 7,	147 40
“ “ 8,	144 00
“ “ 9,	255 10
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	\$2022 00

AMOUNT DUE SCHOOLS NOW IN SESSION.

District No. 2,	\$126 10
“ “ 3,	77 20
“ “ 7,	89 73
“ “ 7, carrying scholars,	30 00
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	\$323 03

Amount appropriated, and applied for schools,	\$2404 49
“ paid, and now due for schools past year,	2345 03
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Balance in treasury,	59 46

R. C. WARD, FOR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 22, 1881.

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

R. C. Ward, in account with the Town of Northfield.

DR.

1880.	To school books on hand, Feb. 14, 1880,	\$97 72
June 4.	“ paid Wm. Ware & Co., for school books,	62 60
Nov. 12.	“ “ New Eng. School Furnishing Co., for chart, &c.,	9 00
1881.		
Jan. 8.	To paid Knight Adams & Co., school books,	52 54
Feb. 10.	“ “ exp. and P. O. money order, as per bill,	2 90
		<hr/> \$224 76

CR.

By cash paid town treasurer,	\$102 69
“ books charged, (amount given assessors),	29 45
“ crayons furnished schools,	2 80
“ books on hand, Feb. 16, 1881,	89 82
	<hr/> \$224 76
Amount of orders from Selectmen,	\$127 04

We have examined the above account, and find it correct and properly vouched for.

A. C. PARSONS,	} Auditors.
L. T. WEBSTER,	
S. G. TITUS.	

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

No. of books in Library, last report,		1764
“ “ purchased past year,		136
“ “ presented “ “		3
“ “ reported lost, but since found,		3
“ “ given in, belonging to social library,		3
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		1909
No. of books withdrawn from circulation,	2	
“ “ lost,	1	
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		3
No. of books in library Feb: 19, 1881,		1906
“ families that have taken books,	179	
“ volumes circulated,	4062	

The number of new books purchased each year is limited. When the new books are ready for circulation, the patrons of the library are all anxious to secure a *new* book. Your committee wishing to give the public as equal an opportunity to take books, as possible, limited the number of books in each family, at one time, to two. What constituted a family, was decided by the rule that governs the U. S. Postoffice department. When we made this change in the regulations of the library, we supposed that the motive which actuated the proprietors of the social library, was to make the benefits of the library accessible to those who were then deprived, and were unable to secure such a privilege. We believe that such was the motive of most, if not all of the original proprietors, and have been governed accordingly. The library must be supported by taxation, if it is to be open to the public. The right to take books is, and should be, granted to every taxpayer. Every taxpayer has a right to travel the high-

way, so has every other citizen. A state would be accredited with idiotcy, that did not have some restriction in the use of the highways. This principle must govern the management of libraries or any other enterprise. Property is taxed for the support of government, and money paid for the maintainance of good schools and free libraries, not only helps to support government but improves the society where the money is so used. Any person who claims that his wants must be satisfied before those of others, simply because he pays a tax, is prompted by a motive too selfish for consideration. It is the acme of absurdity to give to others, and claim the same rights in the article given as you had before the gift was made. Eighty-two families have been fined for keeping books beyond the specified time. Sixty-nine of these families, have paid their fines which is evidence that the benefits of a public library are appreciated and accepted with the restrictions.

We are pleased to find the library in good condition considering the number of volumes circulated.

The books are all accounted for and in their proper places, except seventeen that need rebinding. These will be rebound and ready for circulation when the library is again opened.

We feel thankful to Miss Flora E. Lane, the librarian, for the able manner with which she has seconded our efforts to place the library on a firm basis; also, for the neat and orderly condition of the room and books, and the pleasant way she has had in performing her duty as librarian.

In purchasing one hundred or more new books, some of exceptional character will sometimes find their way into the library. Such was our experience last spring. Soon as we learned this fact, we immediately withdrew the books from circulation.

Your committee feel that the library has been a success, and hope that you will not only continue your generous support, but increase the amount appropriated for new books. This would enable the committee to allow more than two books in each family.

R. C. WARD, }
F. H. WRIGHT, } Library Committee.

Library Committee in account with the Town of Northfield.

DR.

To cash on hand,	\$ 12 83
Appropriation for books,	150 00
“ “ Librarian and incidentals,	125 00
Cash received from fines,	10 21
“ “ “ Mr. A. M. D. French,	2 00
“ “ “ for book lost,	1 25
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	\$301 29

1880

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March 4,	By paid Field & Hall, for paper and labels,	\$4 00
“ 15,	Ft. on books from Amherst,	35
“ 17,	J. E. Abbie for books,	45 75
“ 24,	“ “ “	34 70
April 3,	Ft. on books from N. Y.,	1 16
“ 7,	F. A. Slate, for binding books,	18 02
“ 29,	Scribner Sons, for books,	70 19
May 1,	Van Doorn, for chandelier,	8 00
“ 24,	F. A. Slate, for binding books,	3 85
July 28,	Field & Hall, printing appendices,	4 50
Oct. 5,	Rev. T. J. Clark, for books,	14 00
1881.		
Feb. 14,	Librarian,	55 00
Feb. 14,	Flora E. Lane, as per bill,	5 50
Feb. 19,	R. C. Ward, as per bill,	2 10
	Cash in hands of Library Committee,	34 17
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		\$301 29

We have examined the above account, and find it correct and properly vouched for.

A. C. PARSONS, }
 L. T. WEBSTER, } Auditors.
 S. G. TITUS, }

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

TO THE INHABITANTS OF

NORTHFIELD,

1881-2.

GREENFIELD:
W. S. CARSON PRINTER, ARMS' BLOCK.
1882.

Your Selectmen in presenting you with the annual summing up of your business for the past year congratulate you upon the favorable condition of the finances of the town. The debt of fifteen hundred dollars contracted as the balance of this town's apportionment of the expense of building the Turners Falls bridge has been paid and a very satisfactory balance in the treasury is shown to the credit of the town. The rate per cent of taxation was reduced the past year to \$1.05 on the \$100 value being the lowest of any town in the county and your assessors feel to hope that from a rate somewhat less than one per cent. the coming year the sum realized will be ample to meet the wants of the town on the basis of the same annual appropriations.

From our observation we are led to the conclusion that our present method of repairing the highways is defective and does not result in giving us the "best roads for the least money." In most of the highway districts, the general repairs are not made as early in the year as should be, which it seems to us should be in or near the month of May of each year, but are often delayed until midsummer or perhaps fall before being done, and in this respect it is not the "stitch in time to save nine." If we were to suggest a change it would be in the direction of the town's owning, or hiring, sufficient teams to work the scrapers now owned by the town, where they can be used to advantage, and to commence work as soon as the highways are settled in spring and continuing to work with the same team, from district to district, under the direction of the surveyor of each district. This plan has been adopted by all the surrounding towns and would we think result to us, by reason of doing the work at the best season of the year, by machinery worked by men and teams ready and accustomed to the work, in giving us better roads at less expense.

As our report contains only the payments made within the year it does not show the actual cost of the schools for the year but only the amount of moneys paid within the year as from Feb. 18 to Feb. 18. Thus in No. 3 we have paid this year for four terms of school while in No. 4 only two; in other districts it will

be observed a variation of the same nature exists; the reason of this difference will be readily understood by referring to our report of last year.

It would assist much in showing the actual cost of the schools of each year if it could be arranged to have them *all* close either before or *all* after the time for making up the report in order that the expenses *of* and payments *for* should correspond.

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Selectmen in account with Town of Northfield.

DR.

To orders drawn upon Treasurer during year, \$7697 22

CR.

By paid L. T. Webster, "selectman"	\$93 75
Asa A. Holton, "	109 30
H. W. Montague, "	51 87
R. C. Ward, "School committee"	78 75
A. C. Parsons "Auditor"	2 00
L. T. Webster, "	2 00
S. G Titus, "	2 00
C. H. Green's, Note and Int.	1597 54
Library Committee	275 00
Contingent Expenses	949 11
Support of Schools	2152 53
Support of Highways,	1406 19
Support of Poor,	977 18
	<hr/> \$7697 22

L. T. WEBSTER,
H. W. MONTAGUE, } Selectmen.
R. K. CALDWELL, }

Feb. 18th, 1882.

HIGHWAYS.

The following payments have been made during the year which covers the total expenses of repairing the highways and includes snow bills of this winter in amount of about \$80 except of Fred Bass and M. C. Miller, not received.

Marshall H. Day, labor and team,	\$39 26
C. W. Shepardson, "	3 75
A. L. Hale, "	3 50
Henry W. Webster, plank,	1 00
W. D. Alexander, team,	26 05
John H. Stebbins, "	1 00
Joshua Maynard, labor and team,	5 77
S. L. Haley, "	3 40
Joseph Lyman, "	1 80
Clarence Moody, "	3 00
Darius Dickinson, "	1 32
Dickinson Holton, "	1 81
E. O. Wheeler, "	1 05
Henry Wright, 2d, "	75
George F. Moody, "	2 10
Calib Maynard, "	1 50
A. A. Long, "	2 40
Wm. B. Bent, "	1 50
Eli H. Colton, "	75
E. W. Colton, "	2 70
J. Campbell, "	1 50
Tim Crelan, "	1 35
Francis Fisher, "	1 95
Elias Lyman, "	2 25
Isreal Lyman, "	2 85
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	\$114 31

Charles S. Worden, labor and team,	\$54 27
H. H. Johnson, " "	19 92
Charles Pomeroy, " "	23 00
H. W. Webster, " "	28 75
M. Piggott, "	1 50
H. J. Evans, "	12 00
Joseph Parks, "	6 45
James Calighan, "	9 75
C. Parker, "	3 00
J. L. Mattoon, " and team,	10 50

George Hill,	labor,	\$3 75
W. Tufts,	"	1 50
James Wall,	"	2 20
Elisha Alexander,	" and team,	22 30
H. H. Mason,	"	2 87
Wright L. Arlin,	"	12 00
Wm. Dale,	"	4 50
A. R. Barber,	"	1 50
James W. Cowles,	" with team,	22 00
David Dale,	"	1 41
David Dale, 2d,	"	11 25
John Dale,	"	10 80
Patrick Dale, 2d	"	5 25
Harrison Moore,	"	76
		<hr/> \$271 23

Thomas Mason,	labor,	\$25 60
Henry Wright,	"	7 55
J. B. Callender,	"	75
M. Dickinson,	"	10 50
C. X. Janes,	"	11 50
Wright Arlin,	"	5 00
Isaac Mattoon,	"	2 35
O. S. Mattoon,	"	4 60
M. Piggott,	"	1 50
Elisha Alexander,	" and team,	18 00
Charles Pomeroy,	" "	20 00
H. W. Webster,	" "	18 00
Thomas Quinlan,	" "	15 20
		<hr/> \$140 55

Cornelius Hilliard,	labor,	\$23 20
A. J. Lyman,	" and team,	11 35
Landman Nye,	"	6 03
Fred H. Simonds,	" and team,	16 75
Windsor Morgan,	"	7 44
John E. Nye,	"	4 60
Wesley Mann,	" and team,	22 15
Charles Sherman,	"	4 50
John Murphy,	"	75
Ansel Field,	"	4 75
Otis & Elijah Field,	"	7 38

A. Whitaker,	labor and team,	13 25
James Allen,	"	75
Fred R. Clough,	"	1 95
Henry Holton,	"	59
N. G. Hilliard,	"	3 60
Addison Johnson,	"	75
L. Buzzell,	"	30
Zabina Marsh,		35
Ralph Simonds, labor,		91
S. W. Slate,	"	1 41
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		\$132 76

M. C. Miller, labor and team,	\$90 91
L. C. Miller, "	10 28
Freeman Hilliard, labor,	4 65
Lyman Gilbert, "	9 60
Harris Severance, "	1 05
S. Johnson, "	2 10
S. G. Pratt, "	1 50
Charles Morgan, "	1 35
Appollos Morgan, "	2 55
Sumner Stratton, "	2 85
Elisha Stratton, "	2 55
Ezekiel Stratton, "	1 50
Wm. H. Stratton, "	30
Wm. Darling, "	3 75
Wm. Browning, "	3 00
J. Leach, "	1 50
Albert Whitaker, "	6 00
Samuel Stickney, "	5 25
Anson Gage, "	5 25
Thomas Boyle, "	4 50
Charles Banks, "	1 50
Sumner G. Titus, "	3 00
Edward C. Nash, "	4 07
Horace F. Field, "	1 07
H. W. Montage, "	2 57
	————— \$175 65

Clesson Merriman, labor and team,	\$28 30
Frank Whithead,	15 50
Oscar Woods,	3 37

Simon Fisher, labor,	3 95
Henry W. Stimpson, "	7 47
Perley Stimpson, "	1 67
H. J. Dunham, "	4 50
Frank Farnsworth, "	1 02
Austin A. Holland, "	4 50
Charles Moore, "	2 25
Olean Moore, "	2 25
Philander Pierce, "	1 58
Lucian Stimpson, "	60
Ansel C. Stimpson, "	38
J. P. Wentworth, "	6 80
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	\$81 14

Myron Chapin, labor and team,	\$13 74
Earl Chapin, " "	14 22
Charles L. Robbins, labor,	19 35
A. Shepardson, "	2 55
Shepard Holden, "	4 30
Herbert E. Robbins, "	4 43
Otis T. Greenleaf, labor and team,	7 26
Oliver T. Greenleaf, "	1 20
Frank Piper, "	5 62
Wm. F. Piper, "	3 50
Joseph B. Pierce, "	45
George Murdock, "	3 37
Edward Turner, labor and team,	9 15
Ansel Collar, "	2 28
Melvin J. Collar, "	2 28
Jonathan R. Stimpson, labor,	1 35
Isaac Murdock, "	2 25
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	\$100 38

Fred W. Bass, labor and team,	\$15 07
W. Piper,	90
Dwight E. Bass, labor,	3 00
Sumner H. Collar, labor,	6 20
Benjamin Davis, "	15
James A. Dresser, "	30
E. A. Smith, "	3 00
Willie Piper, "	5 00

James Bass, Erving, team work,	12 00	
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		\$45 62
John H. Robbins, labor and team,	\$28 35	
Frank V. Doolittle, " "	17 25	
Edwin Lyman, " "	13 00	
Samuel Sawyer, " "	15 00	
Roswell Stratton, " "	3 00	
Charles S. Keet, " "	7 87	
C. M. Baldwin, " "	1 50	
Asa A. Holton, " "	7 95	
C. W. Stebbins, " "	37	
F. J. Stockbridge, " "	3 00	
Joel Randall, " "	7 12	
Lester Hale, " "	6 75	
Charles Stearns, " "	1 00	
James Arlin, " "	1 50	
H. C. Field, " "	1 54	
Alexander Holton, " "	5 00	
Frank B. Holton, " "	30	
Layfaette Howard, " "	1 50	
Stephen Keet, " "	2 07	
L. H. Smith, " "	43	
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		123 50

Fred Z. Allen, labor and team,	20 91	
Wm. Barrows, " "	7 90	
Pickett Brothers, " "	2 13	
Henry C. Holton, labor and timber,	8 38	
Wm. Bain, " "	2 50	
Mrs. Fanny Burrows, labor,	35	
James D. Caldwell, " "	31	
John O. Caldwell, " "	63	
Fred Chickering, " "	30	
Frank P. Caldwell, " "	30	
John Doolittle, " "	38	
Rufus Phelps, " "	94	
E. Blanchard, " "	50	
John Weeks, " "	52	
Geo. R. Stebbins, " "	4 62	
Charles L. Holton, " "	1 88	
Cyrus Holton, " and team,	4 89	
J. D. Prindle, " "	2 85	
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		60 29

Andrew G. Hale, labor and team,	33 70	
E. E. Belden, " "	7 08	
Stephen G. Wilds, " "	12 69	
D. A. Kingsley, " "	6 30	
N. W. Purple, " "	12 05	
R. K. Caldwell, " "	7 15	
S. L. Gates, " "	3 65	
Roswell Holton, " "	3 60	
Clifford J. Holton, " "	30	
Roswell E. Dickinson, labor,	4 56	
Electa R. Dickinson, " "	2 49	
Williams Dickinson, " "	1 04	
David H. Jenkins, " "	30	
Warren W. Brooks " "	54	
Ozro Doolittle, " "	3 00	
William O. Knights, " "	2 03	
J. L. Preston, " "	1 50	
J. P. Aldrich, " "	99	
George T. Witt, " "	30	
Jerry Twine, " "	53	
J. B. Morgan, " "	30	
William D. Morgan, " "	85	
Mary Kingsley, " "	3 09	
	<hr/>	\$108 34
Charles H. Green, plank and lumber for bridges as per bill,	39 34	
Dwight E. Bass, bridge plank,	3 60	
Myron Chapin, bridge plank,	2 18	
Willam Bain, " "	1 80	
Henry Wright, " sleepers,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$52 42
Total highways,		1406 19

CONTINGENT AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

PAID AS FOLLOWS.

Chas. Pomeroy, abatement highway tax, Perry farm,	3 95
Henry Johnson, abatement highway tax, Perry farm,	3 95
S. W. Weatherhead, repairing tomb door,	4 63
F. A. Hilliard, mowing cemetery, 80-81,	4 00
Myron Chapin, " "	1 50
Henry C. Holton, " " "	3 50

A. W. Shepardson, work in cemetery,	\$2 00	
Shepard Holden, " "	2 50	
Henry Wright 2d, mowing cemetery,	7 00	
H. O. Doolittle, " "	2 00	
Myron Chapin, building cemetery fence,	33 42	
	<hr/>	\$68 45

E. O. Wheeler, supporting water trough,	3 00	
Oliver J. Greenleaf, " " 80 & 81	3 00	
H. W. Webster, " "	5 00	
H. B. Parker, " "	2 00	
George F. Moody, for wood,	5 62	
C. W. Williams, wood, town hall,	13 50	
L. T. Webster, wood bought for town hall,	15 13	
Eliphaz Elmore, error of assessment,	94	
John Franklin, error of over assessment,	1 37	
Powers Paper Co., blank book,	2 30	
A. C. Parsons, one barrel cement,	2 10	
Walworth Iron Co., iron pipe for cistern,	3 65	
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Henry Wright 2d, work on cistern,	3 00	
M. A. Moody, masonwork on cistern,	2 50	
H. Wright 2d, overcharge of hall for meetings.	16 50	
Geo J. Bacon, saw plate for scraper,	1 50	
E. H. Starkey, for repairing scraper,	4 20	
H. W. Montague, sundry expenses incurred in setting town cistern,	16 17	
W. S. Carson, Greenfield, printing reports,	27 00	
Mrs. M. Malley, services in Farnsworth family,	5 00	
L. Merrriam for list and collector's books,	1 90	
Clesson Merriman, services as school com.,	2 00	
H. W. Montague, balance due for services 1880,	5 65	
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L. T. Webster, bal. due for services, 1880,	9 00	
" " for 194 lbs. lead pipe,	13 10	
" " sundry goods as per bill,	19 52	
" " sundry small payments made on account of town, as per bill,	13 51	
Elias Lyman, services as treasurer,	40 00	

Elias Lyman, services as clerk,	46 40	
" " sundry cash payments made on account of town, as per bill,	14 18	
Library Committee, town appropriation,	275 00	
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Rev. J. L. Marsh, school books bought for town as per bill,	80 37	
A. A. Long, balance due on C. H. Green's note,	1597 54	
R. K. Caldwell, error tax H. Murdock,	2 31	
" " abatement tax, G. N. Ellis,	3 16	
" " services as constable,	16 00	
" " " collector,	76 50	
" " abatement sundry poor men's taxes assessed in 1880,	57 62	
R. K. Caldwell, discount on taxes,	244 44	
Henry Wright, 2d, for 31 burial permits.	7 75	
" driving hearse,	52 52	
" care of town hall,	26 25	
" care of town clock,	15 00	
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		\$2821 65

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS, AS FOLLOWS.

DISTRICT NO. I.

Eva G. Slate, teaching and board,	235 00	
Eva I. Stebbins, " "	235 00	
A. C. Parsons, care of house and articles fur- nished,	13 32	
A. S. Stratton, 12 1-2 cords wood, \$4	50 00	
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DISTRICT NO. II.

Everett Lyman, teaching and board,	120 00	
E. F. Bartlett, " "	80 00	
Maria E. Crawford, teaching and board,	80 00	
M. H. Day, expenses incurred in 1880,	8 38	
Joshua Maynard, articles furnished and care of house,	9 96	
Elias Lyman, cash expense, account schools,	1 95	
" " wood furnished,	16 60	
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DISTRICT NO. III.

Irene L. Mattoon, teaching and board,	204 00
Mary E. Hillard, " "	72 00
N. G. Hillard, articles for wants of schools,	5 21
Clinton A. Ware, care of house, etc.,	4 70
Ansel Field, paid cleaning school house,	2 00
" " 4 cords wood,	19 00

 306 91

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Belle S. Benjamin, teaching,	105 00
H. W. Montague, boarding teacher,	52 50
Geo. F. Alexander, wood,	22 40

 179 90

DISTRICT NO. V.

Cora B. Holton, teaching,	39 00
Lottie S. Holton, " "	39 00
Franklin Whithead,	48 00
Simon S. Fisher, wood, etc.,	3 50

 129 50

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Gertrude Mattoon, teaching and board,	46 97
Nellie A. Wentworth, teaching and board,	111 71
Otis T. Greenleaf, carrying scholars from No. to 11, winter of '80 and '81,	36 00
Otis T. Greenleaf, drawing wood,	1 00
Dwight E. Bass, furnishing wood,	2 00

 197 68

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Belle C. Metcalf, teaching with board,	158 25
Maria H. Colton, " "	60 00
N. W. Purple, carrying scholars winter 1880 and 1881,	36 00
Sumner G. Gates, 1 1-2 cords wood,	6 00
James Greenwood, care of house,	2 73

 262 98

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

George R. Stebbins, ferrying scholars from No. 8 to No. 1,	
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14 00

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Alice M. Titus, teaching,	35 00
E. Rhoad, " "	91 00
H. M. Ward, boarding teacher,	77 00
S. N. Bartlett, care school house,	5 00
E. E. Russell, furnished for school,	3 35

 211 35

Total on account of schools,

2152 53

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of Real Estate,	\$561,913 00
“ Personal Estate,	70,764 00
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Total valuation May 1, 1881,	\$632,677 00
Number of acres of land assessed,	20,010
“ dwelling houses, “	379
“ horses, “	375
“ cows, “	627
“ sheep, “	659
“ polls “	424

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1881.

Voted for schools,	\$2000 00
“ Highways and bridges,	1500 00
“ Contingent expenses,	2000 00
“ Town library,	275 00
“ Payment County tax,	1194 44
“ State tax,	645 00
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\$7614 44

TOTAL RAISED BY TAX.

On polls,	848 00
“ personal estate,	743 02
“ real estate,	6023 42
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\$7614 44

Rate per cent. \$1 05.

Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

L. T. WEBSTER,	} Assessors
H. W. MONTAGUE,	
R. K. CALDWELL,	

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The contract under which Henry Wright, 2d, has supported the poor for the last three years expired April 3d, last. Your Overseers have entered into another contract with Mr. Wright for their support for another three years; his proposals for a continuance of the contract were the most favorable received, and in consideration of this, as well as the uniformly good care and kindness they have received in the many years he has had them under his charge, together with the feelingly expressed wish of all of those living at his house to remain, we felt it would be for the best interests for the poor, and the town, to again contract with Mr. Wright.

The number of persons now fully supported by the town with Mr. Wright is less than at any time for many years, consisting only of Hubbard Phelps, age 81, David Belknap, age 79, and Lucretia Sawyer, age 48.

The expense of our poor has been less than for several years, and including those at the Insane Asylum at Worcester nearly one half the expense has been for those we could not bring here for support.

L. T. WEBSTER,	}	Overseers of the Poor.
H. W. MONTAGUE,		
R. K. CALDWELL,		

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Henry Wright, 2d, for support of poor persons at his house, for year ending April 1, 1882,	\$403 46 —
Town of Easthampton, assistance and burial of Mrs. Kemplin,	83 02 —
Dr. Trow of Easthampton, medical services rendered Mrs. Kemplin,	75 00 —
Town of Leicester, aid family Francis Labontte,	30 00 —
Town Chesterfield, burial expenses Esther Pratt,	28 25 —
S. B. Putney, medical assistance,	45 00 —
Dr. R. C. Ward, med. attendance, C. O. Holton,	26 50 —
Dr. Johnson, Orange, med. “ “	13 00 —
Wm. Burns, board and care in sickness of F. Magoon,	15 00 —
Dr. R. C. Ward, med. attendance Chas. Lord,	6 50 —
Wm. H. Holton, board of Charles Lord,	40 50 —
Charles L. Robbins, board of Emory Robbins,	78 00 —
Hariet Akeley, board Wm. Webster,	65 00 —
J. L. Preston, board James Reed,	10 00 —
City of Springfield, aid Mrs. Zabina Marsh,	3 25 —
City of Boston, on account Susanne Grout,	3 05 —
Town of Wendell, on account “ “	8 00 —
“ Montague, “ “ “	10 00 —
Bridgewater work house, on account Susanna Grout,	18 25 —
J. N. Caldwell, digging grave,	2 50 —
Paid expenses incurred by overseers in visiting and moving poor,	12 90 —
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	\$977 18
Receivd of R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Lucreta Sawyer, for her board at Henry Wright's, 2d,	88 50 —
Total expense of poor proper,	<hr/>
	\$888 68
Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital for burial Mary Pierson,	172 52 —
“ “ “ “ board Cath. Hamell,	172 52 —
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	345 04
Received of R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary Pierson,	82 00 —
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	263 04
Actual cost of all poor,	<hr/>
	\$1151 72

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER,

In account with the Town of Northfield from February 18th,
1881, to February 18th, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

By cash in Treasury, Feb. 18th, 1881,	\$2740 06
Received of R. K. Caldwell, tax 1880,	729 29
“ “ “ tax 1881,	7000 00
“ State treasurer, corporation tax,	729 74 .
“ “ “ national bank tax,	446 48
“ “ “ school fund,	226 34
“ County treasurer, dog fund,	102 70
“ J. S. Pickard, liquor license,	100 00
“ Overseers Poor, act. M. Pierson,	82 00
“ “ L. Sawyer,	88 50
“ “ Warwick,	21 00
“ “ Natick,	8 04
“ Town of Bernardston,	1 15
“ Rent of Town hall,	40 00
“ Interest on surplus revenue,	24 00
“ Auctioneer's licenses,	4 00
“ J. L. Marsh, sale school books,	3 95

\$12,347 25

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER,

In account with the Town of Northfield from February 18th,
1881 to February 18th, 1882.

EXPENDITURES.

To paid outstanding order,	\$3 95
Selectmen's orders,	7697 21
County tax,	1194 44
State tax,	645 00
Lunatic Hospital, Worcester,	345 04
State aid,	36 00
One fourth of liquor license,	25 00
Cash in treasury as per settlement,	2400 61
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	\$12,347 25

Northfield, Feb. 18th, 1882.

We have this day examined the accounts of Elias Lyman,
Treasurer of Northfield, and find the same correct and properly
vouched for.

A. C. PARSONS, }
C. A. WARE, } Auditors.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

February 18th, 1882.

Cash in treasury as per settlement with Treas- urer this day,	2400 61
Due from Collector for tax 1881,	540 98
Due from the State, support of State paupers,	110 00
Due Interest surplus revenue,	28 00

\$3079 59

DUE AS PER AUDITORS' REPORT.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor ;	
L. T. Webster,	71 63
H. W. Montague,	45 00
R. K. Caldwell,	67 37

School Committee:	
Rev. J. L. Marsh,	84 00
Elias Lyman,	6 75
Clesson Merriman,	3 50

Auditors' Bills ;	
A. C. Parsons,	2 00
C. A. Ware,	2 00
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	282 25

Balance in favor of the town,	<hr/>
	\$2797 34

L. T. WEBSTER,	} Selectmen of Northfield
H. W. MONTAGUE,	
R. K. CALDWELL,	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In the discharge of the duties entrusted to us as your School Committee we respectfully submit the following report of the condition of our public schools.

To say that the schools in our town have all been as satisfactory as we could wish through the past year, would be to state what we do not think; but to say that our schools have had fully an average year of prosperity we think is true.

There have been 32 weeks of school in every district except No. 5 and No. 6. No. 5 has had two terms of 12 weeks each. No. 6 has had 3 terms amounting to 28 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. I,

Has occupied during the year the new school house; the pleasant rooms, the comfortable seats, the inviting appearance and convenience of the house has imparted a healthy look and spirit to the schools and the scholars have made good progress. This district has been fortunate in having through the year the same teachers.

The primary department has been under the management of Miss Eva Slate, whose services have given good satisfaction, and who is awake to the growing needs of the school. In this school there have been enrolled through the year, 49 different pupils, with an average membership of 35.72 and an average attendance of 31.09.

The grammar department has been in the care of Miss Eva Stebbins whose aptness to teach, together with her normal training and her earnestness has made the year's school very satisfactory. There have been enrolled here through the year 35 different pupils, with an average membership of 27.4, and an average attendance of 22.64.

DISTRICT NO. II,

Has been less fortunate. The year began with much prom-

ise under the care of Miss Cummings, Unfortunately she was taken ill before she fairly began her her work, and was not able to go on with the school. Mrs. E. F. Bartlett a teacher of considerable experience was then secured, but we regret to say that the school did not show the improvement it ought to have shown with a mental qualification which was no doubt equal to the place, and a character and bearing that was always gentle and lady-like; she yet lacked the force of animation and discipline that would have made the school a success. She was succeeded by Miss Mamie Crawford who while possessing many elements of a good teacher, was lacking in the experience that would have made the term more satisfactory to herself and beneficial to the school.

The third term under the care of Mr. Everett Lyman has brought more satisfaction and less complaint.

Whole number enrolled through the year,	44
Average membership,	34.5
Average attendance,	30.7

DISTRICT NO. III,

Has been fortunate in retaining the same teacher through the year. Miss Irene Mattoon as teacher has shown an aptitude for teaching and an earnestness and enthusiasm in her work which has given good results.

During the last month the school was quite badly broken up by sickness, and many children were perhaps needlessly kept from school. There has been enrolled through the year 33 different pupils, with an average membership of 24. and an average attendance of 20.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

At the beginning of the year was under the care of Miss Belle Benjamin whose success as a thorough teacher and disciplinarian is well established. At the close of the fall term she was constrained to give up the school, as the sickness of her father seemed to require her services at home.

Miss Florence Crocker, a graduate of the Bridgwater normal school was secured for the winter term. Miss Crocker is

a well qualified teacher who brings a good training and much fidelity to the service of the school, and notwithstanding she falls below her predecessor in discipline, she has won the respect and love of the scholars and a fairly good service in the school.

The number of different scholars enrolled for the year is 33. Average membership 25.4; average attendance 22.8.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Miss Lottie Holton taught here during the spring term with fair success. The second term was taught by Miss Cora Holton with her usual good success. The sickness of the teacher caused a break of three weeks during the term.

There were enrolled through the year 15 different scholars. An average membership of 12.7; average attendance 10.6.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

In order to accommodate the scholars of this large but thinly settled district, the committee tried the experiment of giving a term of school in each of the three school houses. Accordingly the spring term of ten weeks was held in the school house of the old No. 11 district across "the swamp," with Miss Nellie Wentworth as teacher. There was here a membership of 11 pupils with an average attendance of 9.

The second term was held in the house of the old "Union district" on the edge of Erving. The same teacher, though now under the name of Mrs. Nellie Dresser, had care of the school of 8 weeks here, and with fair success. Here there was an enrollment of 11 and an average attendance of 9.35.

The next term of 8 weeks was held in the "Greenleaf district" house. Miss Gertrude Mattoon here taught successfully the 6 scholars who formed the school membership for the term. The average attendance for the term was 5.06. During the year there have been enrolled in the three schools of this district, 22 different pupils with an average attendance of only 7.8.

DISTRICT NO. VII,

Has had 3 teachers through the year. Miss Belle Metcalf

taught the spring term with rather indifferent results, but with a general good feeling so far as your committee know. It was thought best however, as Miss Metcalf had taught here several terms, to make a change of teachers. Accordingly Miss May Colton in the fall began here her experience as a teacher. Her success was not so great as we had hoped it would be. While winning the love and respect of all the scholars she lacked that animation and force, as well the experience which is so necessary to the successful teacher.

Mr. J. J. Stearns a thoroughly qualified scholar was secured for the third term; but while his scholarly qualifications are very ample, the school, we regret to say, has not been a success. His lack of experience, his thorough conscientiousness, and his desire to have a thoroughly disciplined school, have combined, strange as it may seem, to defeat his own ends.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

There being no suitable school house in this district and the number of scholars so small, there has been no school here during the year. The scholars of the district have been schooled some in No. 1, some in No. 7, and some in Bernardston.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

The year opened in this district with Miss Alice Titus as teacher. This was her first experience as a teacher and the results were not so good as we could have wished. The next two terms were under Miss E. Rhoad, whose services have given excellent satisfaction and should if possible be retained.

There have been enrolled here through the year 34. Average membership 21.79. Average attendance 19 66.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The various school houses in town, so far as they are used, are in pretty good repair. The new house in district No. 1, is not only an ornament to the town, but it is a great help to the teachers, who find that it is much easier to impart instruction and to inspire respect in a building that commands respect and demands knowledge. The house in No. 8, was suffered to fall

to pieces and the school in that district was discontinued by the committee.

The citizens in No. 7 have made some needed repairs upon their house and put it in good condition. There is in all of the school houses in town a lack of blackboard room. There is no more useful apparatus in our schools than the blackboard. It is the experience of teachers that blackboard work is the most profitable instruction that can be given. The schools that show the most progress are the schools that do the most work upon the blackboard. It has been the effort of the superintending committee to encourage the use of the blackboard, but in many cases the board room is so small, and so far from black, or in such a position or condition, that but little use can be made of it. As a general thing all the available room in school houses should be occupied by blackboards.

Another help to the teacher and the scholars would be some maps and writing charts to hang upon the walls of the school room. The money spent for maps, charts, numeral frames, and such apparatus as can be in daily use in our schools is a good investment.

It has been the effort of the committee to encourage habits of neatness and cleanliness on the part of both teachers and scholars. In this respect the districts ought to always set the example by keeping their school house neatly whitewashed, not only the ceiling but the walls as well.

The expense of kalsomining the walls of the school house would be but little and the appearance of the house be vastly improved. The windows in some of the school rooms show a sad need of soap and water, and most all of them are destitute of curtains. The stove is often placed in the midst of a frame of dirt, or surrounded by broken bricks that have to do service as a door catch or for a draft, or for a zinc, and the stove pipe would often shame the poorest room of the poorest home in the district. Let the district set the example in these things and the teachers and scholars will be glad to follow.

The inhabitants of the "mountain districts" feel justly, that they are very inconveniently located as to their school houses. The consolidation of the mountain districts into one should be

followed by consolidation of their school houses, or in other words that the old school houses be replaced by one in some location that will accommodate the people of the district. It is the opinion of your Committee that if the house of No. 5 or another, could be placed at the crossroads above where it now stands, and if one of the houses in No. 6, or if all three of them, could be transformed into one house located in some place more central than either of the present buildings, the 37 scholars of Nos. 5, 6, 10 and 11 could be far better accommodated.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

During the year a change from Greenleaf's arithmetic to Fish's Robinson's was made, and the change has proved a good one we think. There was a lack of uniformity in the Geographies in use throughout the town, which has now been remedied by introducing the latest edition of the same Geography before in use, Warren's. The old spelling books that have been in use in the town for so many years, and were so impractical and difficult, have been changed for Monroe's spellers. This change is not yet complete but will hold open for six months, or until the close of the spring term.

It is not the desire of the committee to make frequent changes in text books, but these changes we thought were demanded for the best interests of the schools. Further, the books we have introduced are all of them books that will cost less than the old ones, so that with the new books it will cost a scholar less for an outfit of books than it would had the old books been retained.

Mr. L. T. Webster is the authorized agent of the town for the sale of school books. His report will be found on another page.

THE TEACHERS.

There is no class of workers who have a greater anxiety in their work than our public school teachers. There are no persons deserving of more encouragement and of more hearty support from us. Our teachers represent, we think, as great if not greater proportion of faithful, industrious labor, as any

part of the community. They should have the sympathy and the earnest support of every parent. Parents should be very careful how they find fault with a teacher whose school they never visit, and who at best hear only a one-sided story. Emerson has somewhere written that we send our children to the schoolmaster but the school boys educate them. It is true in many ways that the influence of the scholars upon each other is more potent for their welfare than the influence of the teacher. We often hear parents complaining of this or that bad habit that their children have acquired at school. Some things no doubt are acquired which are bad, but how seldom do we stop to think how many bad habits our children take to school from home. The greater part of the trouble of school government comes from dealing with evils that the scholars take to school from home. In our supervision of the schools we have tried to encourage true manliness on the part of both scholars and teachers. We consider that not only is the intellectual training given to us but that we are responsible to a great degree for the moral character of the children. We ask the patrons of the schools, however, not to forget how great is their responsibility in this respect.

The committee are of the opinion that 9 months of school should be given to our children. There is a small amount unexpended which might have lengthened our schools a week or perhaps more. But there are always unforeseen items of expense and belated bills to come in. We would suggest that the town appropriate for the coming year \$2500, which with the unexpended balance will enable our schools to continue for 36 weeks of the year.

In conclusion allow us to urge upon the citizens the importance of sustaining the public schools, not only by ample appropriations of money but also by that personal interest and sympathy without which no amount of money can be effective.

J. L. MARSH, } School
ELIAS LYMAN, } Committee.

COST OF THE SCHOOLS.

The Selectmen report an actual expenditure on account of schools of		\$2152 53
Deduct from this amount expenses incurred in the previous year as follows :		
District No. 3,	\$72 00	
“ No. 2,	128 35	
“ No. 7,	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$270 35
Balance actually spent for the past year,		\$1882 18
Add to this the amount due schools now in session, so far as we know, say :		
District No. 2,	\$120 00	
“ No. 5,	105 60	
“ No. 7,	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$321 60
Expense for the year,		\$2203 78
The available funds for school purposes the last year are as follows :		
Town appropriation,	\$2000 00	
State school fund,	225 85	
Surplus revenue,	52 00	
Dog tax,	102 80	
	<hr/>	\$2380 65
Expenses for the year,		2203 78
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Balance on hand,		\$176 87

SCHOOL BOOK ACCCUNT.

L. T. Webster in account with Town of Northfield for School
Books sold on account of Town.

Cr.

1881.

July 18. By paid Knight, Adams & Co., 30 07

1882.

Jan. 4. paid Boston book supply, 40 05

Feb. " " " " 21 51

" " " " 6 00

books delivered during year to

poor persons, as per bill, 22 82

School books on hand, per inv. 79 68

———— \$200 13

Dr.

To books from R. C. Ward, as per invoice, \$79 67

Cash rec'd " " per J. L. Marsh, 5 15

May 9. To books, Knight & Adams, per bill, 30 07

Sep. 17. Cash rec'd for books from Nov. 7, 3 58

Oct. 15. Books, Boston B'k Supply bill, 40 05

Nov. 6. Cash from teacher No. 7, 76

Dec. 19. Books, Boston Supply Co. bill, 21 51

1882.

Jan. 9. 1000 Word spellers, " 6 00

Feb. 18. Due L. T. Webster, to balance, 13 34

———— \$200 13

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Feb. 20, 1882.

No. of volumes in Library last report,	1906
“ “ purchased past year,	202
“ “ presented last year,	66
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	2174
No of volumes not returned,	1
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No. of volumes in Library Feb. 20, 1882,	2173
No. of families that have taken books,	163
No. of volumes circulated during the year.	4253

Your committee feel pleased to again commend the librarian Miss Flora E. Lane, for the faithful and orderly manner in which she has cared for the library during the past year. The books are all accounted for, neatly covered, and in their places. But twenty books need rebinding, a fact that speaks well for those who have taken books from the library. About 56 per cent. of the reading has been novels, 25 per cent. juvenile, the remainder historical, travels, biographies, scientific and religious. Your committee hope by means of good juvenile reading to cultivate a taste for more scientific works. The necessity for more room in our library is already obvious. The better way to provide for this is, to re-catalogue all the books and place many of those now on the shelves, and never taken out, in the book cases. This would leave *all* the books accessible, and this change can be made at an expense of about \$100 00, and would leave room for many new books in the library room.

We commend this change to your consideration at your annual meeting.

R. C. WARD,	} Library Committee.
F. H. WRIGHT,	
J. L. MARSH.	

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

In account with the Town of Northfield.

DR.

To cash on hand,	34 17
Appropriation for new books,	200 00
Appropriation librarian and incidentals,	75 00
Cash recived from fines,	8 74
Cash received for damage of book,	40
Cash received for book not returned,	1 50
Cash received for book sold,	1 05
	<hr/> \$320 86

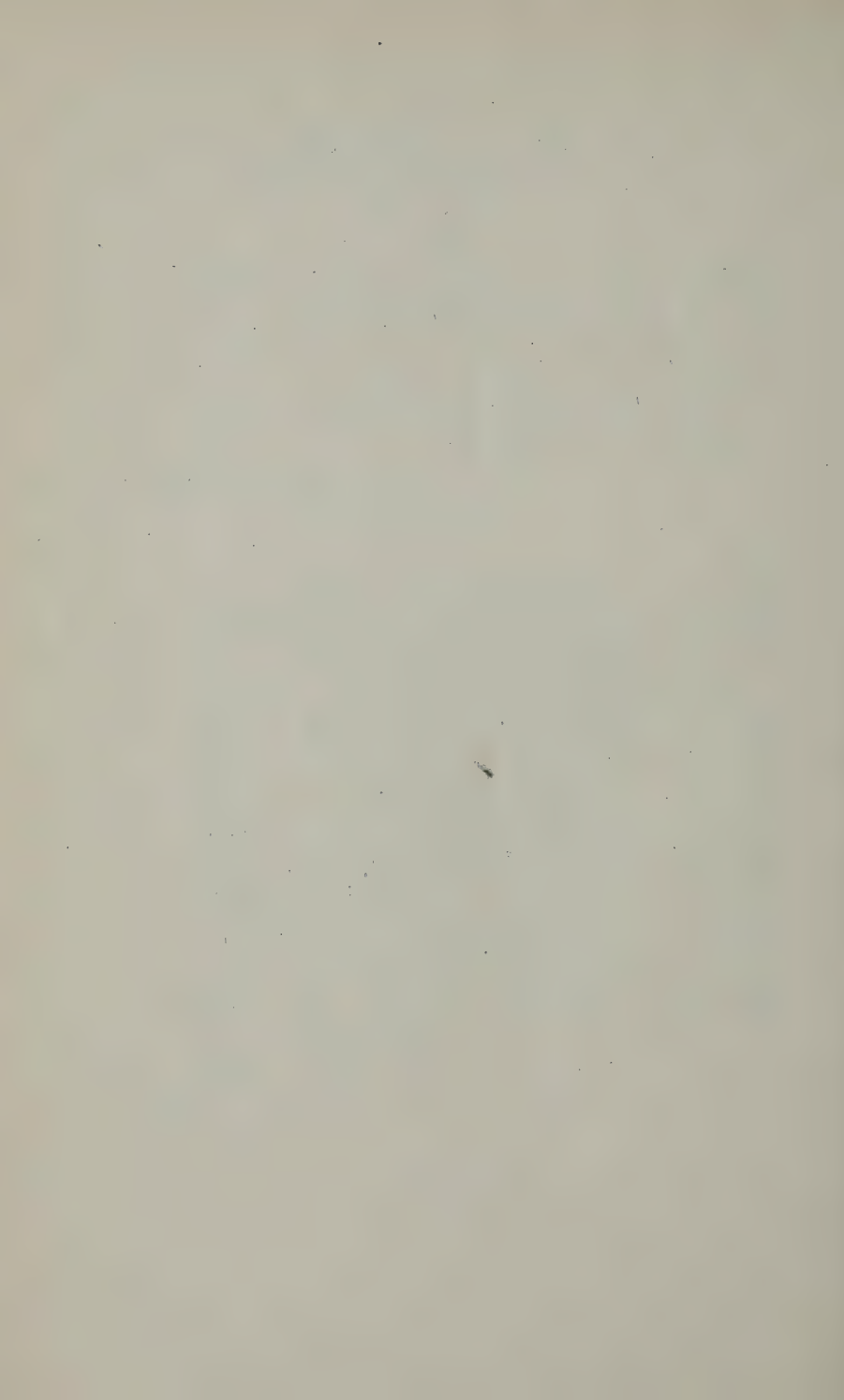
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1881.

Mar. 17.	By paid exp. books from Amherst,	50
Apr. 2.	paid F. A. Slate, binding books,	10 80
"	paid P. O. order and stamps,	13
"	Miss Safford, book returned,	1 25
Apr. 7.	exp. books from New York,	1 00
May 12.	ft. on books from Boston,	1 20
"	for paper for library,	18
May 13.	for paper to cover books,	1 63
"	for 500 labels for books,	1 50
May 27.	exp. supplementary catalogue,	15
June 1.	for " "	7 00
July 6.	Loring, Short & Harmon, books 188 90	

1882.

Feb. 11.	Field & Hall, paper and labels,	4 14
Feb. 13.	Flora E. Lane, librarian,	60 00
"	" " as per bill,	1 75
	Cash in hands of Lib. Com	40 73
		<hr/> \$320 86



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR,

AND ASSESSORS

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 24th, 1883.



TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:
Turners Falls Reporter Steam Printing House, Cecil T. Bagnall, Prop'r.
1883.

TO THE VOTERS AND CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD :

Your Selectmen would respectfully submit for your consideration the following Report :—

Having deferred the printing of this report to a later date than has been customary heretofore, we are enabled to give you a more complete statement of the business of the past fiscal year. We have succeeded in paying nearly all the indebtedness of the Town to the first of March.

HIGHWAYS.

Judging by the amount paid for Highways the past year it would seem that the new road machine had not been a saving of expense. When we consider that this amount includes about \$125.00 of last year's bills and about \$100.00 in laying drain pipe, we find that the expense of repairing highways the past year amounts to \$1196.09. The highways, the coming year, (if repaired on the plan adopted last year) can be kept in good repair for less money than was expended in this report.

SCHOOLS.

All the indebtedness incurred for the support of Schools, has been paid and included in this report. The amount reported includes about \$250.00 of last year's bills.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

In our report under this head, you find reported \$80.25 received from the Town of Gill. This is a balance due Northfield, after settling with Gill, for building one large and one small boat on the part of Northfield, and running the lower ferry for three years on the part of Gill.

Under contingent expenses there is about \$20.00 due which we have given no order for.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

The amount paid for the support of the poor has been unusually large. We have three in the Lunatic Hospitals, Mary Pearson, Kate Hamwell and C. C. Smith, at an expense of \$3.25 per week, not including incidentals. Miss Lucretia Prindle in Boston at \$1.00 per week. Archibald Watson, wife and three children, in Boston at an expense of \$8.00 per month. Emory Robbins and Chas. Lord, at \$1.50 each per week. This includes only board and care. Susanna Grout at Bridgewater Work-house, at \$1.75 per week. Mrs. Sallie Elmer, with A. D. Elmer, at \$1.25 per week. Hubbard Phelps, Lucretia Sawyer and Jerusha Doolittle, are cared for in full at the house of Henry Wright, 2nd., at \$2.25 each per week. We are pleased to report that those under the care of Mr. Wright have comfortable rooms and plenty of good wholesome food, and that the others cared for in Town, have good places, and all warmly clad. Some of the poor are reported as paid to Jan. 1, 1883. This comes from the bills being sent in quarterly. To pay the poor bills in full to the first of March, would require about \$175.00. Mr. R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary Pearson and Lucretia Sawyer, has paid on account of Mary Pearson, \$150.25, and on account of Lucretia Sawyer, \$117.32.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

We report a balance in favor of the Town of \$2233.92. Assuming all taxes and bills due the Town to be paid, and deducting \$175.00 for poor and \$20.00 contingent, we shall have cash in the Treasury, \$2038.92

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of Real Estate,	\$553679 00
“ Personal Estate,	73925 00
Total Valuation May 1, 1882,	<u>\$627604 00</u>

No. of acres Land	assessed.	19,127
“ Dwelling Houses,	“	376
“ Horses,	“	358
“ Cows,	“	577
“ Sheep,	“	606
“ Polls,	“	408

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1882.

Appropriated for Schools,	\$2000 00
“ “ Highways,	1500 00
“ “ Contingent Expenses,	1000 00
“ “ Public Library,	375 00
“ “ Payment, of County Tax,	1194 44
“ “ “ “ State Tax,	860 00
Overlay,	162 60
	<u>\$7092 04</u>

TOTAL RAISED BY TAX.

On Polls	\$816 00
“ Real Estate	5536 79
“ Personal Estate,	739 25
	<u>\$7092 04</u>

Rate per cent., \$1.00.

Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

R. K. CALDWELL,	}	ASSESSORS.
R. C. WARD,		
G. F. ALEXANDER,		

HIGHWAYS.

Expenses incurred in repairing highways and bridges, from
Feb. 18, 1882, to Feb. 24, 1883.

Paid R. K. Caldwell,	\$ 18 39
Wm. W. Merriman,	4 95
Fred W. Bass,	29 00
M. C. Miller,	36 65
Pickett Brothers,	45 02
Thos. Mason,	2 50
Myron Chapin,	18 17
F. W. Piper,	30 47
Chas. Moore,	18 15
Lucius Stimpson,	19 37
A. S. Webber,	13 05
Frank Farnsworth,	13 05
Philander Pierce,	7 27
Simon S. Fisher,	6 97
H. J. Dunham,	75
E. M. Turner,	42 55
Earl Chapin,	14 88
Otis T. Greenleaf,	9 75
Chas. L. Robbins,	13 90
Geo. Murdock,	9 00
Chas. Warden,	32 95
H. H. Mason,	45
J. L. Mattoon,	7 00
James Arling,	2 25
W. L. Arling,	5 50
Chas. Parker,	3 75
H. H. Johnson,	7 00
J. W. Park,	4 50
Chas. Pomeroy,	25
Chas. H. Lumburd,	5 25
Thos. Quinlon,	161 50
John P. Wentworth,	41 00
Frank Whithed,	11 70
Oscar Woods,	4 25
Wm. F. Caldwell,	21 88
Haskell Holton, plank,	72 45
Geo. Tyler, plates and points,	10 00
A. W. Shepardson,	5 25
Meloin J. Collar,	2 75

Paid E. A. Smith,	24 47
S. H. Collar,	13 77
James A. Dresser,	2 56
D. E. Bass,	3 09
Wm. E. Merriam,	24 65
E. C. Nash,	9 00
Thomas Boyle,	9 00
James Merriam,	5 10
Elisha Stratton,	2 25
Albert Whitaker	3 40
Wm. H. Stratton,	1 50
S. G. Pratt,	1 50
H. W. Montague,	3 75
H. F. Field,	75
S. G. Titus,	90
A. G. Hale,	17 25
Wm. Burrows,	75
Joel Randall,	59 01
Amos Bigelow,	1 65
James Wall,	194 00
Isaac Murdock,	8 75
Sam'l K. Sawyer,	34 35
Central Vt. R. R., Freight on Pipe,	6 81
Elias Lyman,	3 00
Ansel Collar,	2 25
F. A. Webster,	6 00
Henry Wright,	1 70
Michael Pigott,	10 00
Martin Dickinson,	3 90
John Dale,	3 00
J. Westley Mann,	6 00
Harris Severance,	6 00
James Allen,	1 50
Landman Nye,	3 60
Fred Simonds,	1 50
N. G. Hilliard,	1 50
Amos Whitaker,	3 50
Ansel Field,	14 00
Jas. D. Caldwell,	3 52
Jerry Twine,	4 00
John Mack,	1 25
Adolphus Hale,	1 50

Paid J. C. Pellett, Drain Pipe,	77 00
A. D. Stearns,	1 25
Pliny Cutting,	1 75
E. H. Starkey,	2 10
Geo. R. Stebbins,	6 00
H. J. Evans,	2 10
David Dale, 2nd,	3 15
C. I. Holton,	2 50
W. E. Johnson,	1 50
John H. Robbins,	50
Peter H. Ross,	3 90
D. M. Simonds,	50
Jas. N. Caldwell,	20 40
F. V. Doolittle,	37
Merrill More,	45
Elisha Alexander,	2 90
J. B. Putney,	3 60
F. A. Hilliard,	3 00
Sumner Stratton,	30
Benj. Morrison,	2 47
James Campbell,	3 00
A. R. Barber,	3 30
A. C. Parsons & Son, Cement,	2 81
Asa A. Holton,	6 00
Alvin A. Long,	7 00
C. Vt. R. R., Toll on Road Machine,	3 74
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Total Amount Paid for Highways,	\$1421 09

SCHOOLS.

EXPENSE INCURRED FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. I.

Paid Eva Stebbins, Teaching and board,	\$246 00
Emma Rhoad, " "	246 00
A. C. Parsons, wood and incidentals,	70 12
Isaac Mattoon,	20 31
Clarence Schnell, care of rooms,	6 00
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	\$588 43

DISTRICT NO. II.

Paid Dora Hammond, Teaching and board,	\$160 00
Everett Lyman, " "	240 00

Paid Clarence E. Moody, wood,	19 20	
A. L. Hale, wood and incidentals,	22 42	
Joshua Maynard, care of room,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$445 62

DISTRICT NO. III.

Paid Belle O. Severance, Teaching and board,	\$ 60 00	
Ida M. Parker, " "	144 00	
Cornelius Hilliard, wood,	19 00	
J. W. Mann, care room, & incidentals,	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$229 75

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Paid Belle S. Benjamin, Teaching,	\$ 81 85	
Mrs. G. M. Starkweather, Teaching,		
and board,	176 00	
Florence Crocker, Teaching,	60 00	
H. W. Montague, board,	33 00	
Thos. Boyle, wood,	15 75	
E. C. Nash, incidentals,	10 09	
H. F. Field, care of room,	9 60	
	<hr/>	\$386 29

DISTRICT NO. V.

Paid Alice J. Field, Teaching and board,	\$138 00	
Lucius Stimpson, incidentals,	2 00	
Simon S. Fisher, wood,	4 90	
	<hr/>	\$ 144 90

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Paid Ella M. Parker, Teaching,	\$51 00	
Mattie Hammond, " "	30 00	
Maria Colton, " "	30 00	
Otis T. Greenleaf, board,	42 50	
Otis T. Greenleaf, wood and care of room,	7 00	
E. A. Smith, board,	26 00	
Frank Farnsworth, board,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$206 50

DISTRICT NO. VII.

Paid Cora B. Holton, Teaching,	\$146 50	
John L. Stearns, " "	62 15	
Electa Dickinson, board,	42 00	
Ezra L. Holton, " "	80 00	
P. W. Preston, incidentals,	26 35	
	<hr/>	\$357 00

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Paid Bernardston, for Schooling,	\$28 53	
Geo. R. Stebbins, for ferrying scholars,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$35 53

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Paid Irene Mattoon, Teaching and board,	\$235 00	
Haskell Holton, wood,	15 75	
F. C. Howard, incidentals,	12 40	
E. E. Russell, furniture,	5 45	
	<hr/>	\$268 60
Total paid for Schools,		<hr/> \$2662 62

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Henry Wright, care of Town Hall,	\$53 00
Henry Wright, Driving Hearse,	55 00
Henry Wright, Burial permits,	9 00
Henry Wright, care of Town Clock,	15 00
Henry Wright, mowing cemetery,	7 00
F. A. Hilliard, " "	2 00
H. C. Holton, " "	1 50
Myron Chapin, " "	1 50
Jas. D. Caldwell, " "	2 00
Simeon A. Field, water trough,	5 00
H. B. Parker, " "	2 00
H. W. Webster, " "	5 00
Arthur O. Wheeler, " "	3 00
Charles Osgood, " "	8 00
N. W. Purple, " " 1881,	4 50
Library Committee,	375 00
Geo. A. Stearns, building ferry boat,	250 00
Geo. A. Stearns, lumber for small boat,	12 00
Henry Holton, building small boat,	12 16
W. E. Johnson, for road machine,	150 00
Central Vt. R. R., freight on road machine,	12 73
W. S. Carson, Printing town reports,	28 90
W. S. Carson, printing check lists,	9 00
R. K. Caldwell, abatement of taxes 1881,	49 30
Chas. Pomeroy, abatement taxes, Perry Farm, '82,	3 95
H. R. Crowell, " " 1882,	12 50

Paid R. K. Caldwell, expenses appraising school houses	
as per bill,	41 80
R. K. Caldwell, expenses as per bill,	16 43
R. K. Caldwell, balance due for services 1881,	7 80
L. T. Webster, " " " 1881,	14 04
L. T. Webster, for school books,	79 18
L. T. Webster, " " " poor children,	9 30
L. T. Webster, articles furnished Town Hall,	10 33
Henry Wright, care of library room,	2 00
E. H. Starkey, blacksmithing,	2 50
Rev. J. L. Marsh, school furniture,	21 06
Lyman Brothers, repairing furnace,	1 40
Field & Hall, printing,	2 90
Elias Lyman, land damages,	33 34
Warren J. Wright, land damages,	33 34
R. C. Ward, expenses as per bill,	90
A. D. Stearns, repairing ferry boat,	15 25
Town of Erving, repairs on Millers River bridge,	6 00
A. C. Parsons, services as Moderator,	3 00
Cudworth & Childs, insuring town clock,	10 00
Conant & Conant,	26 84
N. W. Purple, water trough,	3 00
Wright Stratton, 5 per cent. discount on taxes,	239 68
" " services as Collector,	75 65
" " " Constable,	14 00
Elias Lyman, " Treasurer,	40 00
" " " Town Clerk,	49 75
" " sundry expenses as per bill,	10 66
S. G. Titus, boards for ferry boat,	3 45
D. W. Benjamin, plank " "	6 49
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	\$1869 13

Received of the Town of Gill, in settlement
on account of ferry boat, \$80 25

R. K. CALDWELL,	} SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD.
R. C. WARD,	
G. F. ALEXANDER,	

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Expenses incurred in support of the poor.

Paid Henry Wright, care of Hubbard Phelps, to April 1, 1883,	\$117 32
Henry Wright, care of Lucretia Sawyer, to April 1, 1883,	117 32
Henry Wright, care of David Belknap, 42 weeks and 2 days,	95 14
Henry Billings, care of Samuel Lord, 13 weeks and 5 days,	30 93
Henry Dwight, care of Jerusha Doolittle, to April 1, 1883,	40 64
Henry Wright, for coffins for D. Belknap and S. Lord,	20 00
Hattie Akeley, care of Wm. Webster,	68 45
Wm. H. Holton, board Chas. Lord,	10 50
F. V. Doolittle, " "	61 93
L. T. Webster, clothing for Charles Lord,	12 11
Northampton Lunatic hospital, care of C. C. Smith, to Jan. 1, 1883,	107 36
Worcester Lunatic hospital, care of Mary Pearson, to Jan. 1, 1883,	171 55
Worcester Lunatic hospital, care of Kate Hamwell, to Jan. 1, 1883,	182 19
Commonwealth, care of Susana Grout, to Jan. 1, 1883,	91 25
City of Boston for care of Lucretia Prindle, to Jan. 1, 1883,	36 00
A. D. Elmer, care of Sallie Elmer to Jan. 1, '83,	45 03
C. L. Robbins, care of Emory Robbins, to Jan. 1, 1883,	78 00
Dr. A. V. Bowker, medical attendance on Wm. Smith,	40 00
Dr. E. P. Pierce, medical attendance on W. Bancroft,	22 00
Dr. E. P. Pierce, medical attendance on C. C. Smith,	2 00
Dr. R. C. Ward, medical attendance on C. O. Holton,	25 00
Chas Stratton, care of W. Bancroft,	12 00
L. B. Putney, assistance,	20 00

Paid Wm. Smith, assistance,	10 00
A. C. Parsons & Son, clothing for Chas. Lord,	4 87

Total amount paid for Poor,	\$1421 59
Received of R. K. Caldwell, Guardian of Mary Pearson year 1882,	\$150 25
Received of R. K. Caldwell, Guardian of Lucretia Sawyer, year 1882,	117 32

	\$267 57
Actual cost of Poor, except as before stated,	\$1154 02

R. K. CALDWELL,	}	OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.
R. C. WARD,		
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,		

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To orders drawn on Treasurer since Feb. 18,
1882. \$7656 68

	CR.
By Paid L. T. Webster, Selectman,	\$71 63
“ “ H. W. Montague, Selectman,	45 00
“ “ R. K. Caldwell, Selectman,	67 37
“ “ Rev. J. L. Marsh, School Com.,	84 00
“ “ Elias Lyman, “ “	6 75
“ “ Clesson Merriman, “ “	3 50
“ “ A. C. Parsons, Auditor,	2 00
“ “ C. A. Ware, “	2 00
“ “ For Highways,	1421 09
“ “ “ Schools,	2662 62
“ “ “ Support of Poor,	1421 59
“ “ “ Public Library,	375 00
“ “ “ Contingent Expenses,	1494 13
	<hr/> \$7656 68

R. K. CALDWELL,	}	SELECTMEN.
R. C. WARD,		
G. F. ALEXANDER,		

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
OF NORTHFIELD, FROM FEBRUARY 18, 1882, TO FEBRU-
ARY 24, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

By Cash in Treasury, Feb. 18, 1882,	\$2400 61
Received of R. K. Caldwell, Tax 1881,	540 98
“ “ Wright Stratton, “ 1882,	6800 83
“ “ State Tres'r. Corporation Tax,	975 27
“ “ “ “ Nat. Bank “	435 75
“ “ “ “ St. School Fund,	225 74
“ “ “ “ State Aid,	32 00
“ “ County “ Dog Fund,	79 30
“ “ R. K. Caldwell, ac't. Mary Pierson,	150 25
“ “ R. K. Caldwell, ac't. Lucretia Sawyer,	117 32
“ “ John Dale, rent of Town Hall,	36 00
“ “ L. T. Webster, error on order,	12 00
“ “ Interest on Surplus Revenue,	18 00
“ “ R. K. Caldwell, Auctioneer's License,	2 00
“ from Town of Gill,	80 25
“ of Henry Wright, rent of Town Hall,	52 50
	<hr/> \$11958 80

EXPENDITURES.

To Paid Outstanding Orders,	\$65 97
“ Selectmen's Orders,	7636 63
“ County Tax,	1194 44
“ State Tax,	860 00
“ State Aid,	48 00
Cash in Treasury as per settlement,	2153 76
	<hr/> \$11958 80

NORTHFIELD, MASS., FEB. 24, 1883.

We have this day examined the accounts of Elias Lyman,
Treasurer of Northfield, and find the same correct and properly
vouched for.

C. A. WARE,	}	AUDITORS OF NORTHFIELD.
S. G. TITUS,		
A. C. PARSONS,		

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 1.

Balance of Assessment, 1874,	\$ 26 74
Assessment, 1881,	1259 10
“ 1882,	1700 41
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	\$2986 25

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	26 74
1881.	
Aug. 9, Received of R. K. Caldwell,	\$600 00
1882.	
Jan. 30, “ “ “	200 00
March 6, “ “ “	300 00
Aug. 24, “ “ “	159 10
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	\$1259 10
1882.	
Aug. 26, received of Wright Stratton,	\$482 96
Nov. 25, “ “ “	400 00
Dec. 8, “ “ “	475 00
1883.	
Jan. 4, “ “ “	315 00
Feb. 15, “ “ “	27 45
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	\$1700 41
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	\$2986 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

1881.	
Dec. 30, Paid C. H. Green,	\$620 00
1882.	
April 1, Paid “ “	500 00
Aug. 24, “ R. K. Caldwell, Collector,	12 50
“ “ “ “ Assessing,	2 00
“ “ “ “ Abatements,	16 71
Sept. 4, “ C. H. Green,	620 00
Dec. 8, “ A. R. Lyman, error,	6 28
“ 26, “ C. H. Green,	700 00

1883.

Jan. 4, Paid Committee, expense of lawsuit,	157	08
“ 30, “ Isaac Mattoon,	27	92
“ 30, “ C. H. Green,	296	31
Feb. 15, “ Wright Stratton, Collector,	19	43
	<hr/>	\$2978 23
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		8 02
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		\$2986 25

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

FEB. 24, 1883.

Cash in Treasury as per settlement,	\$2153	76
Due from Collector, for tax of 1882,	291	21
“ “ State for support of Paupers,	30	00
“ “ Interest on Surplus Revenue,	50	00
“ for use of Town Hall from Lecture Com.,	15	00
“ for use of Town Hall from M. A. Field, (Operetta,)	18	00
	<hr/>	\$2557 97

DUE AS PER AUDITORS' REPORT.

R. K. Caldwell, Selectman,	\$111	25
R. C. Ward, “	68	75
G. F. Alexander, “	53	25
Rev. J. L. Marsh, School Committee,	65	00
Elias Lyman, “ “	10	25
W. J. Wright, “ “	9	55
C. A. Ware, Auditor,	2	00
S. G. Titus, “	2	00
A. C. Parsons, “	2	00
Balance in favor of the Town,	2233	92
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R. K. CALDWELL,	}	SELECTMEN
R. C. WARD,		OF
G. F. ALEXANDER,		NORTHFIELD.

Provided the Town receives all the resources above reported, and pays all debts due March 1st, 1883, there would be left in the Treasury, Cash to the amount of, at least, \$2038.92.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting a report of the condition of the schools for the past year we are glad to report a fairly prosperous year. There have been 32 weeks of school in every district, except in No. 5, where there has been but 24, and in No. 6, where there were two schools, of 10 weeks each in the Spring, (one in the school house across the swamp, and one in the South district;) and a Fall and Winter term of 17 weeks in the Greenleaf house.

The schools have been running, on the whole, with much less friction, and with much more satisfaction than last year. Much of this is due to the fact that in five of the schools the same teachers have been employed through the whole year; while in each of the other four there have been but two during the year. Frequent change of teachers is a serious drawback to the efficiency of a school. A moderately good teacher, if continued in the same school, will be apt in the end, to benefit the pupils more than a succession of extraordinary teachers; and much more than frequent alteration between good and poor teachers. We do not mean that a poor teacher should be continued, when his or her failure is manifest—but every teacher whose success is even moderate, should be given an opportunity to improve by experience. The schools where the same teachers have been employed through the year are the schools that appear to the best advantage—and the advantage is not only in appearance. Three terms work under the same teacher has served to clinch the year's study, and the scholars have been able to assimilate more knowledge than they could under different teachers. The teachers also who find the same scholars looking to them for instruction, are better able to adapt themselves to the demands of the school, and to be growing teachers. In visiting the schools we have been pleased to note improvement in the teachers as well as in the scholars. The teachers' better knowledge of the scholars has given her a better realization of their wants, and she has exerted herself to meet them. We note, too, in many cases, better methods of teaching, that have evidently been suggested by contact with other teachers, at the Teachers' Institutes, or from visiting other schools, or from personal experience with children. But the best teachers find their efforts often hindered by the irregular attendance of scholars. It ought not to be a matter of wonder that a scholar who is absent two days out of five, through the term, is not inter-

ested in his school nor improving in his studies ; especially as the time when he is absent is usually spent in interesting him in something else.

It is questionable how far parents or guardians have a right to the time of their children during school hours. If the State has a right to compel the attendance of the children upon the Public Schools, it has also a right to say, within certain limits, what the amount and conditions of that attendance shall be. The State requires, every year, 20 weeks attendance at school of every child between 5 and 14 years of age, and these 20 weeks in terms of 10 weeks each. Twenty weeks of aggregate attendance through the year will not answer the requirement of the law. The School Board have authority to compel the attendance of scholars for the 20 weeks, or to compel a fine to be imposed upon parents whose children have not been in school the required time. The present Committee have not enforced this law, though there may be one or two cases where it might be. But that the Committee have a right to compel a more regular attendance is shown by the regulation in many of the larger towns and cities, that a certain number of half day's absence, unexcused, within a specified time, (say 20 half days in any one month) may suspend a scholar from school. We think some such regulation should be made in our schools, and that parents should co-operate more fully with the teachers for their children's good. The moral right which parents have to keep their children from school is even more questionable than the legal. Besides lowering the excellence of the school and preventing the most improvement, irregular attendance lowers the excellence of personal character, by fixing in the disposition of the child a *habit* of carelessness, and of indifference to mental development, which habit will be apt to show itself later in life in a weak and fickle, or, it may be a coarse and brutal, character. The good results of our common schools are not so much in what is stored away in the shape of knowledge, as in the *habits* of studiousness and regularity which are formed while at school. Whatever information is gained is of little use unless it is accompanied with the habit of persistent, thoughtful and regular application. The child whose attendance at school is interrupted by frequent absence, is not forming the habit of regular and plodding persistence which is so necessary to future success.

What has been said in regard to attendance, can be said with perhaps more emphasis as to punctuality. The tardy marks on

the registers show all too little pride on the part of scholars and parents, and sometimes, perhaps, of teachers, in the formation of a habit which is essential to success in every sphere of life. To have a child form the habit of punctuality is worth far more than any item of knowledge that may be lost in 10 or 15 minutes, much more than any bit of work, or any errand that he or she can do in 15 or 30 minutes.

The child who forms the habit of coming into school late will be very apt to be late all through life. The child who is irregular and not punctual in attendance upon school, is learning to be irregular in his business affairs. Always a little behind in paying his debts, his work always dragging, the Spring's work always waiting for the belated Winter's work and the harvest wasting because the Summer is not long enough, while Winter comes always treading on the tardy heels of the unpunctual worker. What has been said as to regularity and punctuality of scholars, is doubly true of teachers. Teachers many times set an example of irregularity which goes far toward accounting for the habits of their scholars. School should begin and end promptly, and follow, each day, a well timed programme which should be faithfully and punctually observed.

It is questionable how far teachers have a right to keep scholars beyond the six hours of a school day. But where parents are so free to keep their children away from school during school hours, they can not consistently complain if occasionally the scholar has to remain after school.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school buildings are most of them in tolerably good repair, though some things need to be done in nearly all. All are short of blackboard room. No. 1 and No. 9 are best supplied with this prime essential of a school room. The others are very faulty in this respect. The house in No. 3 sadly needs reseating, thorough cleaning and repairing of walls and ceiling, and made more attractive by neat and whole curtains and clean windows, and a teacher's table and an extra chair.

No. 4 should have a more convenient teacher's desk, and at least one extra chair. This is a want in nearly all the school houses. There should be at least two good chairs at the command of every teacher. In some of the houses there is but one, and that so rickety that the visitor who occupies it has to sit very steady if he values his dignity.

The house in District No. 2 needs a new floor and some other

repairs to make the building safe and suitable.

Under the Town system by which the schools are now managed, the Town will have to authorize, and be responsible for all repairs. There should therefore be an appropriation made for this purpose and placed at the disposal of the School Committee.

In the Grammar Department of District No. 1, every desk has been occupied this Winter, thus suggesting that the time is not far distant when the upper room in that house will have to be fitted up for the establishment of a third teacher. Indeed there is good reason to believe that if a third school could be established under a competent teacher the attendance would be good. Now that the districts have ceased to exist and the schools are directly in the care of the town, is it not time to think of establishing a school that will give advantages needed by the few scholars in every district who have nearly outgrown the benefit of the district school?

Arrangements could be made by the parents and with but trifling expense to convey the scholars to and from school, or to board them where they could attend.

Scholars from No. 3 and No. 4 could be inconvenienced by the R. R., coming up on the morning, returning on the evening train, and traveling on a scholar's ticket which could be obtained from the R. R. at a very reasonable rate.

Scholars from No. 7 and No. 9 could find easy means of conveyance, while from Nos. 5 and 6 the few who need to come could probably be readily and satisfactorily established within convenient distance.

A school at the Center which would thus supplement the work of the district schools by giving the opportunities of Grammar School and High School instruction would be of great benefit to the rising generation, and we commend this suggestion to your thoughtful consideration.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

With the exception of a change of spelling-books which was begun last year and has been completed this year at a trifling cost to the town, there has been no change of books.

Mr. L. T. Webster is the authorized agent of the town, for the sale of books, and school supplies. His account will be found elsewhere.

With the beginning of the year 1883, the School District system ceased to exist and the Town assumed the manage-

ment of the schools, taking possession of the school property and assuming the financial responsibilities of the districts. This is undoubtedly a move in the right direction. It throws, however, much additional work upon the School Committee, making them responsible for the care of the property, for school supplies, including fuel and repairs, as well as for hiring the teachers. The town has already taken steps toward the appraisal of the district's property and has instructed their School Committee to report as to the number of schools required in town and as to where they should be held.

We are of the opinion that 9 schools, located as they have been the last term would best and most economically accommodate the scholars in town. That is to say, two schools in No. 1, one each in 3, 4, 5 and 9. One in the brick school house in No. 7, and one in the Greenleaf house in No. 6.

The scholars in what was district No. 8, (where there is no schoolhouse) have been schooled, some in No. 7, some in No. 1, and some in Bernardston, and are not badly inconvenienced thereby, and could be continued in that way.

District No. 6, having three school houses is the worst inconvenienced of any in town. Two schools were held in that district last Spring, one across the swamp and one in the South district. Each had an attendance of 9 scholars. The third term was held in the Greenleaf house, with an attendance of 9, one of whom was from across the swamp. The Greenleaf house is the only house where the scholars can all be brought together. With a little effort, (which is a good thing to make,) the scholars might all attend here under one teacher, and be far more benefitted than if they were divided into two or three schools.

We should recommend, therefore, that the school in No. 6 be held in the Greenleaf house.

The committee are of the opinion that 32 weeks' school through the year is rather stinting the amount of schooling. Many of the surrounding towns give 34 and 36, and some 40 weeks of school in the year. An increase in the appropriation of \$150 or \$200, would enable the schools to run 34 weeks.

We would suggest that for the ensuing year there be appropriated for schools, \$2,200 and for repairs on school houses, \$300.

J. L. MARSH,	}	COMMITTEE.
ELIAS LYMAN,		
WARREN J. WRIGHT,		

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD TO L. T. WEBSTER, DR.

1882.

Feb. 18.	To due L. T. Webster, from last settlement,	\$ 13 34	
July 2,	Paid Cowperthwait & Co.,	28 56	
Aug. 3,	Boston School Supply Co.,	22 32	
" 30,	A. C. Stockin,	15 00	
Nov. 22,	Taintor Bros. & Co.,	51 84	
1883.			
Jan. 8,	Boston School Supply Co.,	18 09	
"	A. C. Stockin,	11 88	
Feb. 12,	Boston School Supply Co.,	26 95	
"	Books on hand as per invoice,	131 31	7321
		<hr/>	\$319 29

1882.

CR.

Feb. 18.	By Books on hand at last settlement,	\$79 68	
"	Cash from Stevens for Books,	2 07	
April 12,	Bought of A. C. Stockin, pr bill,	15 00	
" 18,	Boston School Supply Co., as per bill,	22 32	
July 1,	Cash for Spellers sold,	3 51	
"	13 Munroe's Spellers, large,	2 34	
"	55 " " small,	6 43	
Sept. 1,	Bought of Taintor Bros. & Co., as per bill,	51 84	
Oct. 7.	Bought of Bos. School Sup. Co.,	18 09	
Nov. 18,	A. C. Stockin,	11 88	
1883.			
Jan. 9.	Bos. School Sup. Co.,	26 95	1782
Feb. 21.	Bal. due L. T. Webster, to bal.,	79 18	
		<hr/>	\$319 29

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

FEBRUARY 20, 1883.

No. of Volumes in Library, last report	2,173
“ “ Purchased past year,	190
“ “ Presented,	1
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“ “ Condemned,	2,364
	10
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“ “ Now in Library,	2,354
No of families that have taken books,	150
“ Volumes circulated,	4,477

The Library was not open to the public till May 31, and the number of families that have taken books is less than the year before, still the No. of volumes circulated is greater than the past year, and the circulation has extended in area.

In re-catalogueing the Library, your committee found ten books, of which number, some part of each book was missing, and not being able to repair them, they were condemned and thrown out. The voters have been generous in their appropriations for the benefit of the Library, and we trust they will continue to appropriate as liberally in the future. We sometimes hear from citizens, “the Library is of no use to me.” If those people will consider for a moment, that whatever improves the whole, improves each individual; and that a good public library if patronized to the extent of 4,477 volumes per year, will necessarily exert a beneficial influence upon the public, must, we think, abandon the premises, “the Library is of no use to me”. By reading we familiarize ourselves with that which men of other countries as well our own and men of other ages have learned by experience, and transmitted to us by the aid of books. Reading of scientific books supports and increases mental power, as nutritious food increases physical power. No one thrives upon one kind of diet; neither should anyone confine their reading to one class, but alternate, History, Biography, Fiction, Poetry, etc.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To Cash on hand,	\$40 73	
Appropriation for new books,	200 00	
Appropriation for new catalogues,	100 00	
Appropriation for librarian and incidentals,	75 00	
Cash received from fines,	5 72	
Cash received for book sold,	1 87	
		\$423 32

1882.

CR.

March 11, By paid for paper and ink,	\$0 25
“ 16, “ “ “ postage stamps,	24
“ 24, “ “ A. D. Stearns, for shelves,	22 50
“ 28, “ “ F. F. Turner, for painting,	12 00
“ “ “ “ for chimney and fluid,	25
April 10, “ “ fr'ght on books from Boston,	96
“ 18, “ “ express on books and labels,	50
“ 20, “ “ for paper for library,	50
“ 28, “ “ Field & Hall, for labels,	4 00
“ “ “ “ F. G. Tilton & Co. for b'ks,	20 08
May 4, “ “ Loring, Short & Harmon for books,	199 82
“ 29, “ “ express on catalogues,	25
June 1, “ “ Selleck & Davis catalogues,	68 30
Aug. 9, “ “ Museum of Antiquity,	4 50
“ 10, “ “ L. W. Rice for binding b'ks,	8 80
Nov. 21, “ “ Lyman Bros., for zinc,	1 35
1883.	
Feb. 12, “ “ exp. on paper for covering b'ks,	25
“ 13, “ “ Flora E. Lane, librarian,	60 00
“ “ “ “ Flora E. Lane, as per bill,	2 50
“ 15, “ “ Cheeney & Clapp, for paper,	1 50
Cash in hands of library committee,	14 77

\$423 32

R. C. WARD,	}	LIBRARY
F. H. WRIGHT,		
J. L. MARSH,		COMMITTEE.

NORTHFIELD, FEB. 24, 1883.

We have this day examined the accounts of Library Committee and find the same correct and properly vouched for.

C. A. WARE,	}	AUDITORS
S. G. TITUS,		OF
A. C. PARSONS,		NORTHFIELD.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR,
AND ASSESSORS
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1884.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS:
Turners Falls Reporter Steam Printing House, Cecil T. Bagnall, Prop'r.
1884.

TO THE VOTERS AND CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

Your Selectmen would respectfully submit for your consideration the following report :

The impossibility of making a complete report of the financial condition of the town before the close of a year, must be apparent to all. Should the town decide to change the time of holding the annual Town Meeting to April, then the report may be made complete. Otherwise there must be some bills unpaid at the time of settlement. The appropriations are more or less influenced by this false amount reported in the treasury.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of Real Estate,	\$555,525 00
“ Personal Property,	67,734 00
Total Valuation May 1st, 1883,	<u>\$623,259 00</u>

No. of acres land assessed,	19,781
“ Dwelling Houses assessed,	377
“ Horses, assessed,	358
“ Cows,	588
“ Sheep,	541
“ Polls,	437

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1883.

Appropriated for Schools,	\$2200 00
“ “ Repairing School Houses,	300 00
“ “ Indebtedness of Dist. No. 1,	878 79
“ “ Highways,	1500 00
“ “ Public Library,	175 00
“ “ Contingent Expenses,	1000 00
“ “ Payment of County Tax,	1131 04
“ “ “ State Tax,	615 00
Overlay,	148 47
	<u>\$7948 30</u>

TOTAL RAISED BY TAX.

On Polls,	\$874 00
On Real Estate and Personal Property,	9972 14
	<u>\$10846 14</u>
Rebate on School Houses,	2897 84
	<u>\$7948 30</u>

Rate per cent., \$1.60.

Tax on each Polls, \$2.00.

R. K. CALDWELL,	}	ASSESSORS
R. C. WARD,		OF
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,		NORTHFIELD.

HIGHWAYS.

The amount expended for highways the past year, is a seeming contradiction to the prediction in last year's report. Much of this amount has been used for improvements. We have built two new bridges, and filled, in many places, where the roads were becoming bad. The actual expense of making the roads passable, with the road machine, would have been much less.

EXPENSES INCURRED IN REPAIRING ROADS
AND BRIDGES.

Paid R. K. Caldwell,	\$12 40
J. Alfred Lyman,	173 50
Wm. F. Caldwell,	40 60
S. K. Sawyer,	29 22
E. J. Blanchard,	9 60
Geo. Tyler, Points and Plates,	24 00
J. Twine,	3 60
Geo. A. Long, Plank,	80
Earl Chapin,	5 75
Benj. Davis,	4 95
E. M. Turner,	45
S. Keet, Stone for bridge,	2 00
H. M. Ward,	4 50
Amos Bigelow,	4 50
Asa A. Holton,	4 00
Frank B. Holton,	3 00
Wm. E. Merriam,	18 45
H. W. Montague,	9 00
H. F. Field,	1 50

Paid I. D. Battles,	\$1 50
James Merriam,	3 00
Albert Whitaker,	6 75
Frederick Morgan,	1 50
M. C. Miller,	3 00
Samuel Stickney,	1 20
E. C. Nash,	6 15
Clinton Whitaker,	1 20
Wm. H. Stratton,	2 70
Samuel Ruggles,	1 50
S. W. Weatherhead,	75
S. W. Wilds,	4 30
Geo. F. Wilt,	1 50
Bryden Sawyer,	5 50
Geo. B. Kinney,	1 50
Elisha Alexander, Repairing road machine,	5 08
Geo. F. Alexander,	3 50
Joseph Park,	30
Ellsworth Barber,	1 50
Roswell Stratton,	75
James W. Cowles,	12 00
Joel Randall,	40 12
Fred Clough,	61 73
Nelson Hilliard,	1 27
F. A. Simonds,	4 50
Anson Gage,	1 50
Frank Farnsworth,	14 05
H. W. Stimpson,	13 72
Philander Pierce,	2 85
Simon S. Fisher,	2 02
John H. Robbins,	8 25
Andrew G. Hale,	86 74
Pickett Brothers,	265 93
Thos. Quinlon,	201 50
Chas. Pomeroy,	53 00
Wm. F. Piper and others,	88 33
Oscar Woods,	3 90
E. E. Russell,	1 00
Fanny A. Anderson, gravel,	5 00
Wm. Burrows,	9 25
H. W. Webster,	8 00

John Dale,	12 50
C. A. Ware,	5 25
H. J. Dunham,	2 10
Winsor Morgan,	1 65
Central Vermont R. R. Co., toll,	4 50
Ansel Field,	11 00
J. N. Caldwell,	21 32
John Wentworth,	40 69
Franklin Whithed,	13 45
Edwin Lyman,	13 50
James Barry,	12 75
Maurice Joice,	9 00
Charles Parker,	12 00
Clarence Randall,	17 55
George R. Stebbins,	8 25
Charles Hale,	8 25
David Gale,	4 50
C. L. Robbins,	17 98
George E. Murdock,	5 10
S. H. Collar,	4 69
George W. Piper,	1 50
W. E. Piper,	3 42
O. T. Greenleaf,	8 70
A. W. Shepardson,	2 07
Horace Putnam,	45
D. M. Simonds,	4 50
James Allen,	5 25
Landman Nye,	8 10
Chas. Briggs,	2 10
R. Hale,	1 25
R. Fisher,	1 20
H. Field,	3 00
Rollin Clough,	4 50
H. Robbins,	2 44
M. J. Collar,	1 27
E. Murdock,	97
W. Dresser,	1 20
L. Stimpson,	7 12

\$1574 71

SCHOOLS.

The school expenses for the past year have been paid, except about \$125.00 that is due at time of this settlement. In reporting the amount expended for repairs we have included some of the smaller repairs in the school expenses.

AMONNT PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Eva I. Stebbins,	Teaching and Board,	\$264 00
Emma Rhoad,	“ “	264 00
Belle C. Metcalf,	“ “	162 50
Florine I. Purple,	“ “	84 80
Gertrude C. Mattoon,	“ “	165 00
Mrs. G. M. Starkweather,	“ “	88 00
Edith Callendar,	“ “	88 00
Lena F. Lee,	“ “	159 50
Florence Caldwell,	“ “	60 00
Winnie Atherton,	“ “	40 00
Ella M. Parker,	“ “	139 50
Cora B. Holton,	“ “	154 00
Irene L. Mattoon,	“ “	247 50
Irene L. Mattoon,	Paid Care of Room,	2 15
Belle C. Metcalf,	“ “	4 55
Ella M. Parker,	“ “	4 25
Cora M. Parker,	“ “	2 75
Rufus Barrett,	“ “	1 65
J. R. Colton,	“ “	3 50
Hattie L. Caldwell,	“ “	2 20
Kate Aldrich,	“ “	2 20
G. C. Schnell,	“ “	2 00
M. J. Whitney,	“ “	5 00
Eddie Moody,	“ “	5 50
Chas. C. Morgan,	“ “	2 75
Warren J. Wright,	“ “	4 85
Mrs. James Boyle, Care of Room and Cleaning,		7 25
Fayette C. Howard, Cleaning Room,		3 50
Harry W. Howe, cleaning room,		3 25
Harry W. Howe, cleaning and painting,		7 50
Maurice Joice, cleaning room,		7 00
Lyman Gilbert, filling,		1 00
Charles H. Green, wood,		42 00
J. Wesley Mann, “		20 00

Paid Charles A. Moulton, wood,	22 00
W. W. Merriman, “	10 00
Pickett Brothers “	6 25
Wm. Bain, “	6 00
Thomas Quinlon, “	22 06
Merrill T. Moore, “	19 13
Otis T. Greenleaf, “	12 75
Otis T. Greenleaf board,	53 00
J. L. Marsh, sundry cash payments,	24 15
L. T. Webster, sundries furnished schools,	32 18
Elisha Alexander, small repairs,	2 00
C. W. Clark, table,	6 00
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	\$2275 17

AMOUNT PAID FOR REPAIRING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid Geo. A. Sterns, Repairs No. 1 and 2,	\$20 05
Geo. A. Sterns, Repairs,	94 89
Geo. A. Sterns, Repairs No. 3,	20 45
Town of Hanover, Desks,	50 00
Lucius Stimpson, Repairs No. 5,	50 13
O. T. Greenleaf. Repairs No. 6,	22 52
J. L. May, Repairs and Material,	12 75
I. R. Allen, Lumber,	21 75
J. B. Callender, Sundries,	7 06
Fred H. Turner, Papering and Painting,	6 55
W. C. Reed, Whitewashing,	6 00
M. A. Moody, Repairs,	2 00
R. C. Fisher, Repairs,	3 00
John Bowman, Painting,	12 60
Lyman Bros. Materials,	19 28
Central Vt. R. R., Freight,	10 88
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	\$359 91

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Thos. Quinlon, for bricks and drawing same,	\$23 50
Thos. Quinlon, for wood and moving safe,	51 00
Fred Clough, moving safe,	2 50
Geo. L. Damon, safe,	200 00
M. A. Moody, foundation for safe,	17 30
Central Vt. R. R., freight on safe,	18 98

Paid Martin Dickinson, moving safe,	\$ 1 00
Elias Lyman, clerk, records and cash payments,	67 27
Elias Lyman, treasurer,	40 00
Wright Stratton, constable and collector,	95 65
Wright Stratton, discount on taxes,	268 31
Wright Stratton, error in assessment,	16 64
Wright Stratton, abatement, 1882,	25 30
Wright Stratton, list of scholars,	15 00
Wright Stratton, Water,	8 00
Henry Wright, care of hall, clock, and labor,	91 00
Henry Wright, driving hearse,	58 25
Chas. Pomeroy, land damage,	33 34
Chas. Pomeroy, Ins. school houses,	61 25
Chas. Pomeroy, " Town hall,	67 00
Chas. Pomeroy, abatement of Taxes,	3 95
W. E. Webster, Insurance,	13 13
L. T. Webster, land damage,	3 67
L. T. Webster, furnished Town hall,	15 84
Conant & Conant, advice,	14 00
E. Wells Colton, surveying,	5 75
Asa A. Holton, new road,	25 00
Asa A. Holton, bound stones,	2 00
Library Committee,	175 00
Addison Johnson, work on boat,	75
H. W. Webster, Water Trough,	5 00
H. B. Parker, " "	2 00
A. O. Wheeler, " "	3 00
O. T. Greenleaf, " "	3 00
S. A. Field, " "	5 00
H. C. Holton, Mowing Cemetery,	1 50
J. D. Caldwell, " "	2 00
Freeman Hilliard, " "	3 00
J. A. Dresser, " "	2 50
Lyman Bros., Materials for Town Hall,	13 19
Field & Hall, Blanks and Blank Books,	5 80
C. T. Bagnall, Reports,	22 20
Peter H. Ross, Land Damages,	6 50
S. J. Lyons, Insurance,	15 75
J. L. Lyons, Table,	3 50
A. D. Stearns, Book Case,	37 75
John Bowman, Painting,	6 00
C. W. Stebbins, Work in Town Hall,	5 00

Paid R. K. Caldwell, Expense to Boston, Greenfield and Holyoke,	\$16 67
R. C. Ward, Care of Tramps,	3 25
R. C. Ward, Cash Payments,	14 28
J. W. Smith, Work on Boat,	2 00
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	\$1599 27

R. K. CALDWELL,	} SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD.
R. C. WARD,	
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,	

OVERSEERS' OF THE POOR.

The amount paid for care of the poor is in excess of that reported last year. This is in part from the amputations in case of Charles O. Holton, and in part from the reduced amount received from guardian of Mary Pearson. Those persons in the immediate care of this Board, have been provided with good places, and feel to regret the possibility of any change. We would recommend that no change in the care of these persons be made without good and sufficient cause.

AMOUNT PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	
Care of Coleman C. Smith to Jan. 1, 1884,	\$172 98
Care of Chas. C. Morgan, to Jan. 1, 1884,	105 52
Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	
Care of Mary Pearson, to Jan. 1, 1884,	\$189 35
Care of Kate Hanwell, to Jan. 1, 1884,	171 06

Paid Commonwealth,	
Care of Susanna Grout, to July 1, 1884,	\$45 25
Paid City of Boston,	
Aid to Lucretia Prindle, to Dec. 1, 1883,	\$44 00
Aid to Watson Family, to July 1, 1883,	33 89
Paid City of Holyoke,	
Aid to Alix Foucha,	\$16 00
Paid Town of Leicester,	
Aid to Francis LaBonte,	\$13 19
Paid Henry Wright,	
Care of Jerusha Doolittle, to Feb. 22, 1884,	\$99 00
“ “ Lucratia Sawyer, “ “	99 00
“ “ Susanna Grout, “ “	27 96
“ “ Margaret Ross, “ “	9 96
“ “ Hubbard Phelps, “ “	23 14
Paid F. V. Doolittle, care of Charles Lord to Feb. 9, 1884,	\$79 50
C. L. Robbins, care of Emory Robbins,	97 69
J. B. Putney care of L. B. Putney to Jan. 1, 1884,	58 50
A. D. Elmer, care of Sallie Elmer to Jan. 1, 1884,	65 00
George F. Alexander, expenses to Northamp- ton,	10 00
Lucius Stimpson, digging grave,	3 00

Paid L. T. Webster, goods furnished paupers,	\$8 92
A. C. Parsons, “ “ “	3 65
Dr. R. C. Ward, Medical and surgical attendance of C. O. Holton,	108 75
Dr. E. P. Pierce, assistance, C. O. Holton,	12 00
Medical attendance of Emory Robbins,	19 50
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	\$1516 82

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R. K. Caldwell, guardian, has paid	
On account of Mary Pearson,	\$124 50
Lucretia Sawyer,	117 00
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	\$241 50

Amount paid for Support of Poor to time of settle- ment, Feb. 22, 1884,	\$1275 32
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R. K. CALDWELL,	} OVERSEERS	
R. C. WARD,		OF THE
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,		

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN. DR.

To Orders drawn on the Treasurer from Feb. 24,
1883, to Feb. 22, 1884, \$7649 93

By Paid R. K. Caldwell, Selectman, \$111 25 CR.
 R. C. Ward, " 68 75
 Geo. F. Alexander, " 53 25
 Rev. J. L. Marsh, School Com., 65 00
 Elias Lyman, " " 10 25
 Warren J. Wright, " " 9 55
 C. A. Ware, Auditor, 2 00
 S. G. Titus, " 2 00
 A. C. Parsons, " 2 00
 for Highways, 1574 71
 Schools, 2275 17
 Repairing School Houses, 359 91
 Contingent Expenses, 1424 27
 Public Library, 175 00
 Support of the Poor, 1516 82
 ----- \$7649 93

R. K. CALDWELL, }
 R. C. WARD, } SELECTMEN.
 GEO. F. ALEXANDER, }

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
OF NORTHFIELD, FROM FEB. 24, 1883, TO FEB. 22, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

By Cash on hand, Feb. 24, 1883,	\$2153 74	
Received of Wright Stratton, tax 1882,	291 21	
“ “ Wright Stratton, Coll. tax '83,	6802 88	
“ “ State Treas., Corpor'n. Tax,	910 31	
“ “ “ “ Nat'l Bank Tax,	405 35	
“ “ “ “ State School fund,	226 61	
“ “ “ “ State Aid,	48 00	
“ “ “ “ Sup'rt state paupers,	15 71	
“ “ County Treas. Dog Fund,	91 00	
“ “ on account of Mary Pearson,	124 75	
“ “ “ “ Lucretia Sawyer,	117 00	
“ from rent of Town Hall,	185 00	
“ “ estate Emory Robbins,	27 00	
“ “ interest on surplus revenue,	18 00	
“ “ Circus license,	2 00	
“ “ R .K. Caldwell, auctioneers' License,	2 00	
		<hr/> \$11420 56

EXPENDITURES.

To Cash Paid Outstanding orders,	\$13 56	
“ “ Selectmen's orders,	7269 33	
“ “ County Tax,	1131 04	
“ “ State Tax,	615 00	
“ “ State Aid,	120 00	
“ “ Principal on District Note,	878 79	
“ “ Interest on District Note,	120 49	
“ “ Interest on Temporary Loan,	5 34	
		<hr/> \$10153 55
Cash in Treasury, as per settlement,	1267 01	
		<hr/> \$11420 56

NORTHFIELD, FEB. 22, 1884.

We have this day carefully examined the accounts of Elias Lyman, Treasurer of Northfield, and find the same correct, with the proper vouchers on file.

CLINTON A. WARE,	}	AUDITORS
S. G. TITUS,		OF
CHARLES POMEROY,		NORTHFIELD.

FINANCE.

We report a balance in favor of the Town of \$1,958.64. The approximate indebtedness of the Town at the time of settlement, for Schools, is \$125.00; for Support of Poor, \$132.35; for Land Damage, (F. V. Doolittle,) \$66.67, making \$324.02. This amount deducted from the balance, \$1,958.64, leaves \$1,634.62, which represents the actual amount available after paying all debts.

FINANCIAL CONDITION FEB. 22, 1884.

Cash in Treasury as per settlement,	\$1267 01
Due from Collector, tax of 1883,	1115 66
Cash in bank from County,	263 05
Interest on surplus revenue,	88 52
Due from M. A. Field, use of town hall,	8 00
	<hr/> \$2742 24

DUE AS PER AUDITORS' REPORT.

R. K. Caldwell, Selectman,	\$125 75
R. C. Ward, "	78 25
Geo. F. Alexander, "	62 75
Rev. J. L. Marsh, School Committee,	47 00
Warren J. Wright, " "	32 00
J. B. Callendar, " "	51 25
C. A. Ware, Auditor,	2 00
S. G. Titus, "	2 00
Chas. Pomeroy, "	2 00
Outstanding Orders,	380 60
	<hr/> \$783 60

Balance in favor of the Town,	\$1958 64
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R. K. CALDWELL,	} SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD.
R. C. WARD,	
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



Your Committee to whom has been entrusted the care of the Public Schools for the past year, report on the whole a good year's work in the Schools of the Town. You do not need to be reminded by us that your condition, as a town, depends very largely upon the intelligent and liberal support given to the Public Schools, nor need we say to you that the future prosperity and happiness of your citizens, as well as of your community, is dependent to a very large degree, upon the condition of your schools.

In administering the school affairs we have kept in mind the welfare of the whole town, and have tried to distribute evenly and impartially the benefits of the Town's schools.

It is a pleasure to be able to say that your Committee has acted in perfect harmony, every action having been taken with full unanimity. That our action in every case has given unanimous satisfaction to the town is too much to expect, but the generally good results attained in our schools seem to approve our action.

There have been nine schools in town, located according to the vote of the town last annual town meeting. Seven of these schools have had each 33 weeks of school, (or will have had when the

school in No. 7, is finished,) one has had 32 weeks and one has had 25. In No. 5, the third term was abandoned after the fourth week, because there were but four scholars, and two of those could be schooled in other districts. That district could have had 33 weeks of school if the attendance had encouraged it. It was no dissatisfaction with the teacher that kept the children from school, for the school was highly satisfactory, but the difficulty of getting to and from school in the winter time seemed more than the parents and children could overcome.

The patrons in District No. 4, with funds at their disposal, have extended their term two or three weeks beyond the 33 weeks given them by the town. Thirty-three weeks is more than the town has heretofore maintained, but it is still about three weeks short of the average amount maintained throughout the State, which, according to the last annual report of the Board of Education was 8 months and 18 days.

The location of the schools, although meeting with no opposition in Town Meeting, proved, as was anticipated, unsatisfactory to some of the citizens. The Mountain Districts felt somewhat aggrieved by the location. Realizing the inconvenience of the location for some families, but having no money at our disposal for conveying scholars, we recommended in the instances, that the parents should carry their scholars when they thought necessary, and bring in a bill to the town, believing that the town would allow a reasonable compensation for such services. One such bill was brought to us which we approved, with the understanding that it was not to be paid from the appropriation for the current year.

We think there should be an appropriation placed at the disposal of the committee, to be used at their discretion, for conveying scholars to and from school. We suggest that \$150 be so appropriated.

The attendance at the various schools has been rather more

irregular than usual. Much of the irregularity has been caused by sickness, but there is also much caused by the indifference of the parents. It ought to be a very serious cause that will allow a parent to keep his child from school; a half day's, or a day's, absence, now and then, is counted a small matter by some parents. In itself, a half day's absence may be trivial, but it rarely fails to lessen the scholar's interest in school and books, and generally increases the child's interest in play or social festivities, or matters that take attention from study.

There are a few children in town who have not been in school at all the past year. The law very explicitly states that every parent or guardian must give his children at least 20 weeks' schooling every year. Parents who do not do this make themselves liable to the penalty of the law. We recognize the difficulty and inconvenience which would be caused by enforcing this law and trust that no parent or guardian will, by his negligence or indifference, during the coming year, oblige the committee to enforce the extremity of the law.

Six of the nine schools in town have been under the instruction of the same teachers through the entire year, and the results in those schools seem emphatically to confirm the wisdom of retaining the same teacher whenever the services of that teacher are satisfactory, and she can be retained.

There have been 13 different teachers employed throughout the year, that is, six teachers in six schools, and seven teachers in three schools.

Three hundred dollars was appropriated last year for repairs, which amount was soon expended in making the repairs we thought needed. The house in No. 5 which was quite dilapidated has been put in good condition. The house in No. 2 has been refloored and resealed and is now in good repair. Repairs of less extent, but as necessary, have been made in the other school houses. A new pump has been put into the well in district No. 1, thus relieving the neighbors of the trouble-

some visits of flocks of thirsty school children. There is an unused well in district No. 2, which ought to be put into condition to supply the wants of the scholars there.

Every precaution should be taken to prevent the schools from being a trouble to the neighbors. There are repairs yet called for in several of the school houses. No. 4 needs, among other things, a new floor, a new teacher's desk, and better blackboards. Chairs are needed in all the houses, so that the stray visitor may be comfortably seated. (Visitors are so unfrequent in some of our schools that we may well call them astray.) Three hundred dollars will in our judgment be none too much for the repairs needed the coming year.

There has been no change in school books during the year, the present books being, so far as we know, satisfactory. The school books have been kept on sale by Mr. L. T. Webster, whose report will be found elsewhere.

We have found some inconvenience resulting from the round-about way in which the money appropriated for schools is expended.

It would be much better for all concerned if the School Committee were authorized to draw orders directly upon the Treasurer. This can be done if the town so authorize, which we trust the town will do at this annual meeting.

We present on another page a summary of statistics concerning our schools, for which we beg your careful consideration.

J. L. MARSH,	}	SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
W. J. WRIGHT,		
J. B. CALLENDER,		

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1883-84.

Number of Schools supported by the Town,	9
“ “ Different teachers employed,	13
“ “ Children in Town between the ages of 5 and 15, according to census taken last May,	261
“ “ Different pupils in school,	264
“ “ Pupils under the age of 5 and over 15,	20
Aggregate Number of weeks school has been kept,	288
Average Number of weeks for each District,	32
Aggregate actual attendance, in weeks, for the Town,	5732.8
Average actual attendance, in weeks, for each scholar,	21.72
Amount appropriated by the town for schools,	\$2200 00
Amount appropriated by the town for repairs,	300 00
Total amount raised by tax,	\$2500 00
Average amount thus appropriated per week,	\$8 68
Average amount thus appropriated per child,	\$9 58

AVERAGE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP. AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE.

District No. 1. Primary,	34.1	District No. 1. Primary,	31.6
“ “ 1. Intermediate,	27.4	“ “ 1. Intermediate,	25.2
“ “ 2.	24.6	“ “ 2.	23.4
“ “ 3.	24.6	“ “ 3.	21.1
“ “ 4.	22.3	“ “ 4.	20.5
“ “ 5.	9.2	“ “ 5.	7.6
“ “ 6.	6.6	“ “ 6.	6.
“ “ 7.	20.	“ “ 7.	17.8
“ “ 9.	20.2	“ “ 9.	16.5
Total,	189.0	Total,	169.7

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

1883.						CR.
Feb. 15,	By School Books on hand,				\$131 31	
April 28,	By bought of Boston School Sup-					
	ply Co., as per bill,				32 34	
Sept. 20,	By bought of Boston School Sup-					
	ply Co., as per bill,				40 44	
Oct. 25,	By bought of Boston School Sup-					
	ply Co., as per bill,				12 30	
Dec. 12,	By bought of Boston School Sup-					
	ply Co., as per bill,				27 57	
					<hr/>	\$243 96

						DR.
July 3,	To Paid Boston School Supply Co.,				\$32 34	
Dec. 6,	“ “ “ “ “				40 44	
Dec. 6,	“ “ “ “ “				12 30	
1884.						
Jan. 11,	“ “ “ “ “				27 57	
	To School Books on hand, as per invoice,				88 34	
	To Credited on account to Balance,				42 97	
					<hr/>	\$243 96

APPROVED, J. L. MARSH.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

FEBRUARY 22, 1884.

No. of Volumes Reported last year,	2354
“ “ Purchased,	98
“ “ Presented,	8
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	2460
Error in last Report,	2
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No. of Volumes now in Library,	2458
Families that have drawn books,	148
No. of Volumes circulated,	5353

NORTHFIELD, FEB. 22, 1884.

We have this day carefully examined the accounts of the Library Committee of said Northfield and find them correct and properly vouched for.

CLINTON A. WARE,	} Auditors of Northfield.
S. G. TITUS,	
CHARLES POMEROY,	

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To Cash on hand, last report,	\$14 77	
Appropriation for new books,	100 00	
" " care of Library,	75 00	
Fines received,	5 71	
	<hr/>	\$195 48

1883.

CR.

April 10, By paid express on books from Springfield,	\$	50
July 3, " " " " " " Boston,		1 15
July 17, " " for binding books,		3 45
July 31, " " express on books from Boston,		75
Aug. 23, " " Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	100	00
Aug. 27, " " express on books to Portland,		50
Oct. 4, " " for covering paper,		1 00
Nov. 21, " " for supplemental catalogues, labels and paper,		6 45
Dec. 1, " " Sarah E. Graves, as per bill,		1 91
Dec. 17, " " Loring, Short & Harmon, books,		2 67
1884.		
Feb. 11, " " Miss N. A. Holton, Librarian,		15 00
Cash in hands of Library Committee,		62 10
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		\$195 48

R. C. WARD,	}	LIBRARY COMMITTEE.
F. A. WRIGHT,		
J. L. MARSH,		

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR ON THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in Bank, Jan. 1, 1883,	\$1051 14
“ of Interest to Jan. 1, 1884,	42 46
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Total in Bank, Jan. 1, 1884,	\$1093 60

Drawn from the Bank Jan. 1, 1884, for the purpose
of paying sundry persons as follows :

Mrs. Samuel Holton,	\$10 00	
Chas. O. Holton,	10 00	
Jennie Lord,	5 00	
Mrs. Finn,	8 00	
Mrs. Barrett,	5 00	
Mrs. Reagan,	5 00	
Mrs. Geo. Holton,	2 00	
	<hr/>	50 00
Amount in Bank, Jan. 1, 1884,		<hr/> \$1043 60

R. K. CALDWELL,	}	OVERSEERS.
R. C WARD.		
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR,

AND ASSESSORS

OF THE

Town of Northfield

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

AND

TOWN TREASURER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 21, 1885.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS :

Turners Falls Reporter Steam Printing House, Cecil T. Bagnall, Proprietor.
1885.

TO THE VOTERS AND CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

Your Selectmen respectfully submit the following report :

In reporting the highway expense, we have given the cost of repairing damages from showers, and ordinary repairs, separately. This is done that you may see where the money has been used, and for what purposes. The change of grade at the crossing near Gill Station, not being completed, we are unable to give the expense. The N.L.N.Co. are to pay 4-5ths of the cost, and as we have paid the special commissioners \$123.50, four-fifths of this sum will be applied in paying that part of the expense which belongs to this town. The contingent expenses have been large the past year, owing to the new law in regard to school books, and the discount on taxes. The town has entered into a contract with Henry Wright, 2d, for the care of the Poor, for three years, from April 4, 1884, at a weekly cost of \$2.25 for each person. Your Selectmen have also contracted with A. D. Stearns to build a ferry boat, for Munn's Ferry for the sum of \$265.00.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of Real Estate, May 1, 1884,		\$556,358 00
“ Personal Property, May 1, 1884,		64,651 00
	Total,	<u>\$621,009 00</u>
No. of acres of land assessed,	19,958	
“ Dwelling Houses assessed,	377	
“ Horses assessed,	371	
“ Cows “	597	
“ Sheep “	594	
“ Polls “	440	

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1884.

Raised and Appropriated for Schools,	\$2200 00
“ Repairs,	300 00
“ Paying $\frac{1}{3}$ school houses,	3775 00
“ Carrying scholars,	150 00
“ Highways,	1500 00
“ Contingent expenses,	1500 00
“ Public Library,	275 00
“ County tax,	1050 25
“ State tax,	820 00
Overlay,	4 32
	<u>\$11,574 57</u>

AMOUNT RAISED BY TAX.

On Polls,	\$880 00	
On Property,	10694 57	
	<u></u>	\$11574 57

Rate per cent., \$17.22 per \$1000.

Tax on each Poll, \$2.00.

R. C. WARD,	} ASSESSORS
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,	
S. G. WILDES,	
	OF
	NORTHFIELD.

PAID FOR DAMAGE FROM SHOWER IN JULY.

Geo. Kinney,	self, stone and lights,	\$15 50
Geo. R. Clough,	"	3 00
Winsor Morgan,	"	2 25
Nelson Hilliard,	" man and team,	12 90
Landman Nye,	"	6 60
Amos Whitaker,	"	8 25
Frank Whitaker,	"	5 25
Ansel Field,	man, team and stone,	29 00
Herbert Field,	"	5 25
James Allen,	"	7 35
E. S. Severance,	"	5 55
F. H. Simonds,	"	6 45
Fred R. Clough,	" and team,	30 20
Nathan Aldrich,	"	6 75
Geo. F. Alexander,	stone and poles,	3 00
C. L. Robbins,	" and team,	13 35
C. C. Bodman,	"	90
E. B. Murdock,	"	2 03
Geo. E. Murdock,	"	5 78
M. J. Collar,	"	5 18
Ansel Collar,	plank,	35
C. H. Stimpson,	"	3 00
Hollis Field,	"	2 74
A. W. Shepardson,	"	2 80
John Wentworth,	" man and team,	27 60
F. Whithed,	"	6 15
Joseph Park,	"	3 90
John B. Putney,	" and team,	9 22
H. A. Dresser,	"	9 97
Wm. B. Dresser,	"	9 97
Total,		<hr/> \$250 24

PAID FOR DAMAGE FROM SHOWERS IN AUGUST.

John B. Putney, self and team,	\$5 85
H. A. Dresser, “	4 20
Wm. B. Dresser, “	4 20
J. A. Dresser, “	1 50
C. L. Robbins, “ and team,	11 91
J. H. Piper, “	4 50
Ansel Collar, “ and plank,	7 56
Geo. E. Murdock, “	30
E. B. Murdock, “	35
Hollis Field, “	75
M. J. Collar, “	6 00
John P. Wentworth, “ man and team,	20 07
F. Whithed, “	6 07
Joseph Park, “	5 24
Frank Farnsworth, “ and team,	10 50
A. Farnsworth, “	5 25
H. W. Stimson, “	3 75
Perley Stimson, “	3 75
M. H. Day, bridges,	531 75
F. H. Simonds, “	3 75
James Allen, “	13 50
Amos Whitaker, “	13 50
Ansel Field, man and team,	38 00
Landman Nye, “	7 80
Ralph Simonds, “	1 50
Geo. R. Clough, “	8 10
E. S. Severance, “ and team,	2 25
Clinton Whitaker, “	5 70
Geo. L. Woodard, “	13 80
H. F. Field, “ and man,	16 75
Gilbert G. Hilliard, land damage,	25 00
Lyman Gilbert, man and team,	5 75
Larkin E. Fisher, “ “	52 50
John D. Smith “	10 50
Oscar Wood, “ “	137 25

E. C. Nash,	self,	\$22 20
Chas. C. Morgan,	“	33 15
Geo. Hilliard,	“	6 00
Thomas Metcalf,	“ man and team,	70 85
Albert Whitaker,	“ “	15 75
James Merriam,	“	17 10
Wm. E. Merriam,	“ and team,	14 25
Simeon Dudley,	“	1 50
Fred G. Morgan,	“ and man,	9 00
C. A. Moulton,	plank, poles and nails,	23 41
Free. A. Hilliard,	“	75
Wm. W. Darling,	“	13 50
Samuel Ruggles,	“ son and team,	27 50
Wm. H. Stratton,	“ son and timber,	94 42
M. C. Miller,	“ son and team,	170 30
L. C. Miller,	“	16 50
Samuel Stickney,	“	14 00
C. H. Green,	plank,	4 50
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		\$1543 83

ORDINARY REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Andrew G. Hale,	self and team,	\$56 55
Henry W. Webster,	man and team,	192 00
Chas. X. Janes,	self,	9 61
Chas Parker,	“	10 65
Chas. Stratton,	“	45
Pat. Dale,	“	1 50
Maurice Joyce,	“	6 75
Jerry Campbell,	“	1 50
A. J. Arlin,	“	5 25
W. C. Reed,	“	18 25
Elisha Alexander,	“	90
R. C. Ward,	“	75
A. L. Hale,	“ and team,	42 65
Benj. Hale,	“	6 30
Willie Day,	“	60

James Campbell, self,		\$5 25
Elias Lyman, “		10 20
Wm. D. Alexander “	man and team,	39 90
Chas. Britton, “	and team,	4 40
E. Wells Colton, “	“	8 10
Geo. F. Moody, “	“	50
Clarence Moody, “		45
Samuel K. Sawyer, “		66 06
H. H. Johnson, “		6 00
F. B. Holton, “		4 50
Joseph Clark, “		30
A. Holton, “		1 50
Lester Hale, “		1 65
Arnold Holton, “		7 80
Merrill T. Moore, “	plank,	20 00
Joel Randall, “		1 50
Clarence A. Randall “		1 60
Fred R. Clough, “	and team,	38 05
James Allen, “		9 30
Geo. R. Clough, “		1 05
Landman Nye, “		6 00
Anson Gage, “		30
Ansel Field, “	man and team,	8 75
Benj. F. Streeter, “	and team,	1 50
Eliphas Elmore, “		75
Harris Simonds, “		30
H. A. Simonds, “		3 90
Amos Whitaker, “		1 00
S. G. Titus, “	and team,	25 30
C. S. Titus, “		75
Joseph Burton, “		2 50
E. C. Nash, “		13 53
Lyman Gilbert, “	plank,	60
H. W. Montague, “		3 00
Thos. Metcalf, “	man and team,	3 90
Samuel Ruggles, “		9 25
Sumner Stratton, “		1 13
James Merriam, “		75
David Clough, “		1 50
M. C. Miller, “		3 15

Oscar Wood,	self, team and plank,	\$23	55
L. C. Miller	"	10	65
Fred C. Morgan,	"	1	80
Clinton Whitaker,	"		15
Albert Whitaker,	" and team,	7	95
Samuel Johnson,	"	2	25
Willis Wrisley,	"	4	65
Wm. Smith,	"	4	05
H. F. Field,	use of plow,		50
Geo. Woodard,	"		75
Wallace Morgan,	"	1	50
Wm. H. Stratton,	"	5	25
J. L. May,	"	1	20
C. A. Moulton,	plank,	1	89
Wm. E. Merriam,	"	4	50
S. G. Wildes,	" and team,	51	64
S. L. Gates,	"	3	95
James N. Caldwell,	"	12	60
H. W. Howe,	" and team,	27	45
Wm. Burrows,	" man and team,	64	90
Picket Brothers,	" team and timber,	219	00
E. J. Blanchard,	"	19	70
Benj. Morrison,	"		75
Geo. Witt,	" and team,	6	37
C. J. Anderson,	"	4	05
Chas. Sanford,	"	10	95
A. P. Burton,	"	3	30
Henry Lyman,	"	1	10
Elias Watson,	"	2	15
N. W. Purple,	" and team,		80
D. L. Kingsley,	"	2	70
Fred Z. Allen,	" man and team,	61	55
Conn. R. R. Co.,	freight on drain pipe,	8	00
Cent. Vt. R. R. Co.,	" " "	16	10
Frank Farnsworth,	" and team,	39	65
H. W. Stimson,	"	1	50
A. E. Farnsworth,	"	4	50
J. A. Holland,	"	2	00
P. Pierce,	"	2	00
Simon Fisher,	"	1	05
Chas. L. Robbins,	" and team,	27	50

H. E. Robbins,	self,	\$3 27
Ansel Collar,	“ and plank,	7 46
M. J. Collar,	“	7 29
E. B. Murdock,	“	70
Geo. E. Murdock,	“	99
C. H. Stimson,	“	18
Frank Harnetts,	“	3 00
C. C. Bodman,	“	60
W. F. Piper,	“	25
W. E. Piper,	“	25
J. H. Piper,	“	25
G. W. Piper,	“	44
A. W. Shepardson,	“	1 05
O. T. Greenleaf,	“	5 74
Herbert Sargent,	“	5 51
Myron Chapin,	plank,	90
John B. Putney,	“ and team,	25 36
James A. Dresser,	“	13 04
Benj. Davis,	“	2 10
Henry Hammond,	“	45
Chas. Davis,	“	45
Henry Dresser,	“	12 82
S. H. Collar,	“	3 67
John Harrington,	“	5 55
John P. Wentworth,	“ man and team,	24 32
Frank Whithed,	“	12 08
J. W. Park,	“	6 53
Wm. W. Merriam,	“	3 38
J. V. Wilcox & Co.,	drain pipe,	58 80
Geo. Tyler,	plates and points,	24 00
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		\$1565 63

PAID FOR NEW ROAD.

James Butler, contract,	\$200 00
Chas. Warden, self,	7 00
James Campbell, “	6 00
Maurice Joyce, “	4 50
Thomas Redding, “	6 00
James Hodnet, “	6 00
R. A. Simonds, “	1 43
F. R. Simonds, “	1 43
James W. Cowles, horse and cart,	2 00
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	\$234 36

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Cecil T. Bagnall, printing reports,	\$23 20
John Roberts, care of ferryboat,	2 00
Henry Wright, hearse, graves, hall and work,	111 40
Mrs. Mary M. Doolittle, land damage,	66 67
Field & Hall, blanks,	4 90
John Bowman, painting hearse,	31 80
J. L. Lyons, trimming, hearse,	48 68
Geo. W. Page, “ “	5 25
Chas. W. Stebbins, “ “	1 25
F. H. Turner, painting Urns,	3 50
Thos. Quinlon, wood for hall,	40 50
R. K. Caldwell, special commissioners,	123 50
R. K. Caldwell, abatement of taxes,	62 38
R. K. Caldwell, 5 per cent. discount,	306 39
R. K. Caldwell, services as town officer,	92 71
R. K. Caldwell, taking S. Grout to Northfield,	1 00

Arnold H. Holton, setting trees on Parker street,	\$5 00
Chas. W. Stebbins, repairing seats in hall,	2 50
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., new books,	199 56
Henry Holton, new table,	6 00
J. A. Dresser, mowing cemetery,	1 50
Lucius Stimson, " "	1 50
Freeman A. Hilliard, " "	3 00
Henry C. Holton, " "	1 50
Chas. H. Green, work, " "	22 50
Library Com., balance of appropriation,	75 44
Henry Johnson, heirs, abatement of tax,	11 85
Chas. Pomeroy, abatement of taxes,	3 95
Chas. Pomeroy, services as committee,	7 50
Chas. Pomeroy, contract,	50
Chas. Pomeroy, affidavits,	7 00
Elias Lyman, services as town officer,	113 78
David Aiken & Son, legal advice,	3 00
E. A. Hall, advertising,	1 00
S. G. Wildes, guide boards,	1 50
E. Wells Colton, grades on new road,	2 00
A. D. Stearns, repairing boat, bell and lib.,	4 75
L. T. Webster, school books,	265 87
L. T. Webster, goods for town,	5 86
L. T. Webster, agent for school books,	6 00
N. W. Purple, water trough,	4 50
Adaline Field, " "	5 00
H. W. Webster, " "	5 00
A. O. Wheeler, " "	3 00
2nd Aqueduct Co., water,	10 00
H. B. Parker, water trough,	2 00
Central Vt. R. R. Co., toll,	4 52
L. B. Grout, repairing boat,	2 75
F. A. Thomas, repairing road machine,	2 00
R. C. Ward, care of tramps,	20 75
R. C. Ward, cash items,	10 99
R. C. Ward, expenses to Boston for paupers,	11 70
Postage and telephone,	86

\$1760 96

EXPENSES IN CARING FOR THE POOR.

Jerusha Doolittle.

Paid Henry Wright, 2nd, to Feb. 20, 1885,	\$117 00
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Lucretia Sawyer.

Paid Henry Wright, 2nd, to Feb. 20, 1885,	117 00
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Margaret Ross.

Paid Henry Wright, 2nd,	\$75 20	
“ Henry Wright, 2nd, for coffin,	10 00	85 20

Susannah Grout.

Paid Henry Wright, 2nd, to Feb. 20, 1885,	37 60	
“ L. T. Webster, clothing,	2 79	40 39

Chas. Lord.

Paid F. V. Doolittle, to Feb. 23, 1885,	81 21	
“ L. T. Webster, clothing,	5 60	86 81

Lorenzo B. Putney.

Paid John B. Putney, to Dec. 31, 1884,	78 00
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Mrs. Sally Elmer.

Paid A. D. Elmer, to Jan. 1, 1885,	56 04
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John Doolittle.

Paid J. L. Lyons, coffin & undertaker's bill,	15 00
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Lydia E. Leonard.

Paid R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	27 00	
“ Dr. E. A. Deane, medical advice,	6 00	
“ R. C. Ward, expenses to Boston,	28 75	
“ J. Tinkham, coffin and undert'krs bill,	18 00	
“ W. A. Brizzee, board and care,	15 00	94 75

Margaret Finn.

Paid Cash items.	\$24 00	
“ Mrs. Patrick Coughlin, last sickness,	6 44	
“ R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 50	32 94

Margaret Reagan.

Paid H. R. Crowell, groceries,	14 50	
“ E. E. Belding, corn and potatoes,	5 75	
“ R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	6 25	26 50

Mrs. A. C. Whitaker.

Paid Wm. B. Pratt, clothing,	5 00	
“ Wm. B. Pratt, board and care,	11 28	
“ R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	4 25	20 53

Mrs. Rhoda Collar.

Paid Town of Athol, care,	12 75	
“ Willard Hagar, funeral expenses,	26 00	
“ Cash,	2 00	40 75

Mrs. Kempland.

Paid Dr. A. V. Bowker, medical attendance,	5 00	
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Lucretia Prindle.

Paid City of Boston, aid,	52 00	
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Coleman C. Smith.

Paid Northampton Hospital,	61 16	
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Chas. E. Morgan.

Paid Northampton Hospital, to Jan. 1, 1885,	191 18	
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Mary Pearson.

Paid Worcester Hospital, to Jan. 1, 1885,	229 51	
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Catherine Hanwell.

Paid Worcester Hospital, to Jan. 1, 1885,	\$169 92
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Dwight Cook.

Paid Town of Montague, aid,	\$32 24	
“ Dr. A. Cobb, medical attendance,	10 50	
“ T. B. Stratton, groceries,	40 00	82 74

Archibald Watson.

Paid City of Cambridge, medical attendance,	24 00
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Wm. Linton.

Paid City of Boston, aid,	10 89
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	\$1637 31

Rec'd of R. K. Caldwell, guardian,

Mary Pearson,	\$83 37	
Lucretia Sawyer,	117 00	\$200 37
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Amount expended for support of poor,	\$1436 94
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R. C. WARD,	} OVERSEERS
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,	
S. G. WILDES,	
	} OF THE POOR.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

SCHOOL No. 1.

Emma Rhoad, teaching and board,	\$276 00	
Belle S. Benjamin, teaching and board,	98 00	
Lucy Peck, teaching and board,	72 00	
Helen Palmer, teaching and board,	96 00	
Chas. S. Arlin, care of house,	25 50	
Mary Grace, care of room,	3 00	
Maggie Grace, care of room,	3 00	
Thos. Quinlon, wood for No. 1 and 2,	67 50	
Maurice Joyce, cleaning No. 1,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$649 00

SCHOOL No. 2.

Irene Mattoon, teaching and board,	\$88 00	
Florine I. Purple, teaching and board,	176 00	
D. Everett Lyman, supplies and care No. 2 and 7,	25 98	
James Campbell, care of room,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$292 98

SCHOOL No. 3.

Gertrude Mattoon, board and teaching,	\$240 00	
Maggie Boyle, care of room,	3 30	
Cora M. Parker, care of room,	3 30	
Geo. A. Nye, care of room,	3 00	
Mrs. James Boyle, cleaning room,	4 50	
J. W. Mann, wood,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$268 10

SCHOOL No. 4.

G. M. Starkweather, teaching, board and incidentals,	\$267 23	
Geo. C. Starkweather, care of room,	10 05	
Chas. D. Moulton, care of room,	4 40	
Chas. A. Moulton, wood,	22 25	
Dwight Hillard, broom,	30	
Willis Wrisley, drawing sand,	1 00	
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SCHOOL No. 5.

Winnie Atherton, teaching, board and care of room,	\$182 50	
Wm. W. Merriman, wood,	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$191 50

SCHOOL No. 6.

Ella M. Parker, teaching, board and care of room,	\$170 10	
Otis T. Greenleaf, wood and cleaning,	15 45	
	<hr/>	\$185 55

SCHOOL No. 7.

Winnie Atherton, teaching and board,	\$21 00	
Cora B. Holton, " "	42 00	
Cora H. Preston, " "	157 50	
Wm. Bain, wood,	14 00	
Fred J. Aldrich, care of room,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$239 00

SCHOOL No. 9.

Lena F. Lee, teaching and board,	\$247 50	
Fred Holton, care of room,	2 20	
L. H. Crandell, care of room,	2 50	
Sherman Bartlett, care of room,	3 00	
Mrs. Thos. Grace, cleaning,	2 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning and wood,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$277 20

Town of Bernardston, tuition and use of books,	\$20 13	
Lewis T. Webster, school supplies,	33 53	
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SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

A. R. Barber, No. 7,	\$3 90
H. W. Howe, No. 7,	13 00
M. T. Moore, No. 9,	3 50
Maurice Joyce, chairs to No. 4,	1 50
John Crelan " "	1 50
Central Vt. R. R. Co., freight on chairs,	4 54
W. C. Reed, No. 1.	1 75
Carroll W. Clark, chairs and table,	62 50
M. A. Moody, No. 1,	1 00
Roswell Stratton, No. 9,	90
J. L. May, No. 4,	23 45
C. A. Moulton, No. 4,	7 84
Wm. Smith, No. 4,	2 00
Otis T. Greenleaf, No. 6,	7 85
J. K. Allen, No. 4,	4 00
Wm. J. Phelps, No. 4,	22 50
Mrs. Abbie Barrett, No. 4,	1 50
H. W. Montague, No. 4,	16 13
F. H. Turner, painting blackboards,	3 60
Chas W. Stebbins, No. 1,	1 50
H. B. Parker, No. 3,	1 50
Thos. B. Stratton, No. 4,	5 90
Heywood Brothers & Co., chairs No. 4,	17 00
Lucius Stimson, No. 5,	6 50
A. C. Parsons & Son, materials,	4 09
J. B. Callender, material,	5 15
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	\$224 60

CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Frank Farnsworth,	\$94 50
Mrs. Lucy Dresser,	49 50
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	\$144 00

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

To orders drawn since Feb. 22, 1884,	DR.
	\$10226 65

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By Paid R. K. Caldwell, selectman,	\$125 75
“ R. C. Ward, selectman,	78 25
“ Geo. F. Alexander, selectman,	62 75
“ Rev. J. L. Marsh, school com.,	47 00
“ W. J. Wright, school com.,	32 00
“ J. B. Callender, school com.,	51 25
“ C. A. Ware, auditor,	2 00
“ S. G. Titus, auditor,	2 00
“ Chas. Pomeroy, auditor,	2 00
“ For highways and bridges,	3359 70
“ For schools,	2462 22
“ For repairing school houses,	224 60
“ For carrying scholars,	144 50
“ Public Library,	275 00
“ For support of poor,	1637 31
“ For new road,	234 36
“ Contingent expenses,	1485 96
	<hr/> \$10226 65

R. C. WARD,	}	SELECTMEN.
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,		
S. G. WILDES,		

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
OF NORTHFIELD, FROM FEB. 22, 1884, TO FEB. 21,
1885.

To cash on hand Feb. 22, 1884,	\$1267 01	
To cash rec'd of Wright Stratton, tax '83,	1047 07	
" " R. K. Caldwell, tax '84,	8000 00	
" borrowed of Greenfield savings bank,	1600 00	
" rec'd of State Treasurer, corpora- tion tax,	1072 67	
" " National bank tax,	392 78	
" " State school fund,	216 97	
" " State Aid,	78 00	
" " County Treas. dog fund,	127 00	
" rec'd on ac't Mary Pierson,	83 37	
" " Lucretia Sawyer,	117 00	
" from Interest on revenue,	112 00	
" " Liquor license,	100 00	
" " Rent of town hall,	71 50	
" " Auctioneer license,	2 00	
		<hr/> \$14287 37

EXPENDITURES.

By cash paid Outstanding orders,	\$389 33	
" " Selectmen's orders,	10161 16	
" " County tax,	1050 25	
" " State tax,	820 00	
" " State aid,	124 00	
" " Principal on district note,	771 88	
" " Interest on district note,	73 45	
" " Interest on temporary loans,	60 35	
" " State Treas., $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor li'ense,	25 00	
		<hr/> \$13475 42
Cash on hand, Feb. 21, 1885,	811 95	
		<hr/> \$14287 37

We have this day carefully examined the accounts of
Elias Lyman, treasurer of Northfield, and find the same correct,
with the proper vouchers on file.

CHARLES POMEROY,	}	AUDITORS.
L. T. WEBSTER,		
R. K. CALDWELL,		

Northfield, Feb. 21, 1885.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

FEB. 21, 1885.

Cash in treasury as per settlement,	\$811 95
Due from collector, tax of 1883,	68 53
“ “ “ “ “ 1884,	599 69
Cash in bank from county,	200 00
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	\$1680 17

DUE AS PER AUDITORS' REPORT.

R. C. Ward, selectman,	\$136 25	
Geo. F. Alexander, “	99 25	
S. G. Wildes, “	98 75	
Warren J. Wright, school committee,	59 38	
J. B. Callendar, “ “	55 00	
Chas. Pomeroy, Auditor,	2 00	
L. T. Webster, “	2 00	
R. K. Caldwell, “	2 00	
Outstanding orders,	65 49	
Greenfield savings bank,	1600 00	
	<hr/>	\$2120 12
Balance against the town,		\$439 95

R. C. WARD,	}	SELECTMEN
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,		OF
S. G. WILDES,		NORTHFIELD.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting our report to the inhabitants of Northfield, we are glad to report a prosperous year, and are firm in the belief that the close of this year finds the public schools of this town in a condition not inferior to that of previous years.

In accepting the trust of administering to the school affairs, we have endeavored to keep in mind public welfare, and have tried to distribute evenly, and without partiality, the benefits of the town's appropriations.

Every citizen has an interest in the trust, or ought to have, which the school committee have in charge, and a correct knowledge of the works of the board ought to be obtained by him; and as the committee elected by the citizens ought to be composed of competent and capable persons, just, to every one alike, it is only right on the part of the people, and just to the committee, whose labors are frequently too little understood, that with a good knowledge of their doings, the people should judge whether the board are faithfully discharging their work or not.

It is but a pleasure to say that your committee have not been embarrassed with petitions, and that the schools on the whole have been running with little or no friction and with much more satisfaction than last year. No action of importance has been passed without the full consent of the board, which has acted in perfect harmony. That our doings in every case have given entire satisfaction is too much to expect, and yet we are glad to say that, if we have not given satisfaction, we have come very near to it, as the good results generally will show.

We need not tell the enlightened voters of the town that their future happiness and wellfare depends, in a large degree, upon the intelligent and liberal support which is given our public schools ; it is a fact too well known for us to delineate and dwell upon.

There have been nine schools in town the past year, located according to vote of the town. Seven of these schools have had 33 weeks of schooling, or will have had when the school in No. 3 is finished. The other two have had 27 weeks each, and might have had 33 if the attendance had encouraged it, but the difficulty of attending school in the winter in these mountain districts was more than the parents and children could overcome, and your committee thought it best to close them after a winter term of six weeks, as the attendance was too small to warrant a continuance.

The attendance in the various schools, although not so regular as it ought to be, has been quite up to that of average years. Some irregularity has been caused by sickness, but the greater part is undoubtedly caused by the indifference of parents. We can but come to this conclusion, as there has been a vast difference in regard to the regular attendance in the different schools. Parents should co-operate more freely and willingly with the teachers and endeavor to bring about a more regular attendance, which is one of the first and all-important elements of a successful school. There is no more serious drawback to the success and prosperity of our public schools than the pernicious, generally prevailing habit of absenteeism. It is not only the pupils that are harmed by its practice, but the whole school suffers ; and moreover, the teachers are perplexed and irritated. Tardiness and absence make a lamentable show upon school registers. Parents only can remedy this great evil. It is beyond our power. Some people remark that it is a misfortune that the standard of the public schools of

Northfield is not higher. If parents would pay more attention to the tardy and absent marks of their scholars, the standing could be rapidly raised.

The schools in the mountain districts have been larger, the attendance better, and the schools more prosperous than last year, the membership being somewhat increased by the fund appropriated for conveying scholars, which was placed at the discretion of your committee. The regular attendance has been better, and the progress nearer what it should be. Although this fund was raised by considerable opposition, and has caused us a good deal of annoyance for a small one, by the frequent demands made upon us by people who seemed to have the erroneous idea that the town was going to pay every one for carrying scholars to school, we attribute the good results accomplished in these schools not indirectly to it, and hope that the town will take this into consideration, as several scholars have been schooled who received no training in the public schools last year.

The scholars living in what was District No. 8—where there is no school house—have been schooled, some in No. 7, and some in Bernardston, and are not badly inconvenienced. The scholars living in the western part of this district could be more easily and more cheaply schooled in Bernardston than elsewhere, the cost of schooling there being much less than conveying them to No. 7.

In seven of the nine schools the same teachers have been retained through the entire year, and the progress and good results generally accomplished seem most certainly to confirm the wisdom of keeping the same teacher whenever the services of that teacher are satisfactory. A too frequent change of teachers is a serious drawback to the progress and efficiency of our schools. A fair teacher once installed better be kept than run the even risk of securing a better one. Many teachers have plans that cannot be successfully carried out in one term of a few weeks, and by changing, a new teacher with different

methods, pays but little attention to what has been done, and moreover it takes nearly one term for a teacher to learn the disposition and become acquainted with the attainments and requirements of the scholars. Generally speaking, we have, in our judgment, been fortunate in the main, in the selection of our corps of teachers the past year, having endeavored to secure such as were thought would prove to be in every respect industrious and adapted to incite the powers and habits of thinking. Considerable difficulty was experienced in filling satisfactorily a vacancy in our centre school, but aside from that we have experienced little or no difficulty, having a large list of experienced and well-recommended teachers at hand. We have been pleased to note in visiting schools, improvement in teachers as well as scholars. Better methods of teaching are constantly suggesting themselves to teachers who are on the alert for improvement, either by contact with other teachers, or from a longer personal experience with children.

Under the present town system a great deal of additional work has been thrown upon the superintending committee, which makes them responsible for the care of the school property, the school supplies, including fuel and repairs, hiring teachers and furnishing text books.

The new law concerning text books went into effect on the first day of August, 1884, requiring the committee of every city or town to purchase at the expense of said city or town, text books and other school supplies used in public schools; and the said text books and supplies are to be loaned to the scholars of public schools free of charge, being subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the committee may prescribe. The law definitely states that scholars supplied with text books at the time of the passage of this act shall not be supplied with similar books by the committee until needed. In order not to furnish pupils with text books who already possessed them, your committee furnished each teacher with a blank book before the close of the term preceding the

introduction of free books, and gave instructions to them to ascertain by personal examination what books fit for use each pupil possessed, and to make a record of the same. Scholars who possessed such books were required to bring them to school, and were not furnished by the committee. Nevertheless, the demand made upon us was, for new text books, somewhat larger than anticipated, which we were powerless to suppress. All books owned by the town were labeled and carefully charged to the pupils to whom they were loaned, and teachers instructed to care for them and keep a correct account each term. The books generally have been well cared for and have not been taken home for study without the teacher's permit. There has been no change in school books during the year, the present books being, so far as we know, satisfactory. Mr. L. T. Webster is the authorized agent of the town for school books and supplies. His account will be found elsewhere.

Concerning repairs we have endeavored to keep the school houses in as good condition as possible. Something has been done in nearly all; and our school houses are in much better repair than when the town assumed the responsibility of them two years ago. The house in No. 4 has been quite thoroughly repaired, being newly seated and floored, both of which were much needed. This took a large share of our appropriation. The school house No. 2 needs painting, and the blinds need repairing; and house No. 6 is badly in need of a new foundation; but aside from this, no repairs of a large extent are known to your committee, although repairs of a minor order will be necessary in all. Each house has been furnished with chairs and we most urgently pray that those chairs be more frequently occupied by visitors and patrons of our public schools. If our schools were more frequently visited, less dissatisfaction would be found with teachers and school officials. The larger percent. of people who find fault with teachers and the manage-

ment of schools are, generally speaking, those who know the least concerning them.

Your committee have taken especial pains to look after the outbuildings and their connections. These buildings should be kept with purity and free from contamination, which is thought to be a prolific source of moral defilement.

There are no children known to your committee who have not been in school during the past year, although there are a few who have not had the twenty weeks of schooling required by law. It seems necessary to remind parents or guardians that the law very explicitly calls for twenty weeks schooling at the least. Parents or guardians who do not give children this amount make themselves liable to the penalty.

We present on another page a schedule of school statistics of which we invite a careful perusal.

In conclusion we would suggest that for the ensuing year there be appropriated for schools \$2,200; for repairs on school buildings, \$200, which is one-third less than last year's appropriation, but is thought sufficient for all repairs now known to your committee, and \$150 for a conveyance fund to be used at the committee's discretion for carrying scholars.

W. J. WRIGHT,	}	School Committee.
JOSEPH B. CALLENDER,		
D. EVERETT LYMAN,		

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1884-85.

No. of schools supported by town,	9
“ different teachers employed,	12
“ children in town between the ages of 5 and 15, according to census taken last May,	247
“ different children in school,	282
“ pupils under the age of 5 and over 15,	31
Aggregate number of weeks school has been kept,	285
Average number of weeks for each district,	31.75
Aggregate actual attendance in weeks for the town,	6546
Average “ “ “ “ “ each scholar,	23.21
“ wages of teachers per month,	\$29 77
Amount appropriated by town for schools,	\$2200
“ “ “ “ “ repairs,	\$300
Average amount thus appropriated per week,	\$8.77
“ “ “ “ “ child,	\$8.86

AVERAGE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP.

School No. 1, Primary	42.4
“ “ 1, Grammar,	35.1
“ “ 2,	26.9
“ “ 3,	22.5
“ “ 4,	26.7
“ “ 5,	9.1
“ “ 6,	9.7
“ “ 7,	28.5
“ “ 9,	21.8
Total,	222.7

AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE.

School No. 1, Primary,	38.0
“ “ 1, Grammar,	29.6
“ “ 2,	25.9
“ “ 3,	18.5
“ “ 4,	24.9
“ “ 5,	9.12
“ “ 6,	9.3
“ “ 7,	25.9
“ “ 9,	17.6
Total,	198.82

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

FEBRUARY 21, 1885.

No. of volumes reported last year,	2458
“ “ “ purchased,	158
“ “ “ presented,	15
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Condemned,	2631
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No. of volumes now in library,	2630

144 families have accepted the advantages of the library, and 4284 volumes have been in circulation during the past year.

While the number of families taking books has remained nearly the same, the number of volumes circulated, has diminished nearly one fifth. The selection of books for a public library is a task of no minor importance. That some books of questionable character occasionally find their way into the library, may be expected, but should be removed soon as discovered, and in this patrons may greatly assist the committee by reporting such books when found. Lists for new books handed to the committee will assist them in making their selections. The proportion of fiction purchased last year was less than in former years, which may account for the falling off in circulation.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

	DR.
To Cash on hand, last report,	\$62 10
Appropriation for new books,	200 00
“ “ care of Library,	75 00
Fines received,	5 06
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	\$342 16

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1884.	
Apr. 30. By paid exp. on books from Boston,	\$2 65
May 7. “ for paper,	2 67
“ “ exp. on paper,	25
May 13. “ exp. on supplemental catalogues,	15
May 15. “ for “ “	5 00
May 20. “ Lockwood, Brooks and Co., for new books,	199 56
July 29. “ Exp. on books,	25
Aug. 19. “ L. W. Rice for binding books,	3 60
Oct. 11. “ Express on book,	25
1885. “ Flora E. Lane's Est.,	45 00
Feb. 16. “ N. A. Holton, librarian,	60 00
“ “ N. A. Holton, sundries as per bill,	1 56
By Cash in hands of library committee,	21 22
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	\$342 16

DR. R. C. WARD, }
 DR. E. P. PIERCE, } LIBRARY COMMITTEE.
 REV. E. R. DRAKE, }

We have this day carefully examined the accounts of the Library committee of said Northfield, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

CHAS. POMEROY, }
 L. T. WEBSTER, } AUDITORS.
 R. K. CALDWELL, }

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR ON THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Jan. 1, 1884,	\$1043 60
“ of interest to Jan. 1, 1885,	42 14
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	\$1085 74

Drawn from the bank Jan. 2, 1885 and paid as follows :	\$60 00
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Widow Abbie Barrett,	\$10 00
“ Ellen O’Keefe,	10 00
“ Hannah Holton,	5 00
“ Nancy Hilliard,	5 00
“ Tirzah Holton,	5 00
“ Margaret Reagan,	5 00
James N. Caldwell,	5 00
Gad C. Lyman,	5 00
Lawson May,	5 00
Horris Sykes,	5 00
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	\$60 00

Amount in bank, Jan. 1, 1885,	\$1025 74
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R. C. WARD,	} OVERSEERS
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,	
S. G. WILDES,	
	OF THE POOR.

The balance against the town of \$439.95 is not a correct statement of the financial condition of the town. A true report of the town's indebtedness can not be given when settlement is made before the close of a fiscal year. We give an estimate of the debts of the town March 1, 1885.

Balance against the town,	\$439 95
Abatement, tax of 1883,	57 58
New road,	65 00
Hospitals, about	89 32
Poor, “	44 25
Breaking roads, “	16 00
Registrars, “	50 00
Schools, “	192 20
Estimated indebtedness, March 1, 1885,	<hr/> \$934 30

We do not embody in this report, but would recommend the the following appropriations :

Highways,	\$1800 00
Schools,	2000 00
Repairs,	150 00
Carrying Scholars,	75 00
Library,	160 00
Contingent,	2000 00

R. C. WARD,	} SELECTMEN
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,	
S. G. WILDES,	
	OF
	NORTHFIELD.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR,
AND ASSESSORS
OF THE
Town of Northfield
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
LIBRARY COMMITTEE
AND
TOWN TREASURER.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15th, 1886.



TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:
Turners Falls Reporter Steam Printing House, Cecil T. Eagnall, Proprietor.
1886.

P R E F A C E.

With the close of another business year, it becomes the duty of your Selectmen to again render to you an account of their stewardship in the management of the public trusts you have committed to their charge, and which we present to you in our report herewith.

The last report of our predecessors stated the virtual balance against the Town to be over \$900. The unusual and great damage to our highways and bridges at the Farms and throughout the Town by the heavy showers during the summer of 1884 and the necessary expenditure of nearly \$2000, in the required repairs, clearly forced this balance against the Town. The payment of this unlooked for indebtedness, together with the purchase of, and adjustment of, the school house values, necessitated the past year an unusual and burdensome high rate of taxation. Your appropriations at your last annual meeting were so liberal as to enable us to meet the required expenses of the Town with a sum considerable less than you voted to raise, and thus to change the condition of the Town from a balance of \$900 against it, in February, 1885, to a balance of \$1000 ~~in favor of the Town~~ at the present time. In view of this, we feel constrained to congratulate ourselves and the Town upon the present good condition of its finances, and as the past year completed the three years taken by the town in which to pay for the school houses, we see no reason why, with our ordinary and usual expenses, the rate of taxation the coming year should not be materially reduced.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

Value of Real Estate, May 1, 1885,	\$560,095 00
“ Personal Property, May 1, 1885,	64,651 00
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	\$624,746 00

No of acres of land assessed,	19,716
“ Dwelling Houses, assessed,	373
“ Horses assessed,	371
“ Cows, “	564
“ Sheep, “	604
“ Polls, “	435

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1885.

Raised and Appropriated for Schools,	\$2200 00
“ Repairs,	206 00
“ Carrying scholars,	150 00
“ $\frac{1}{3}$ of school houses,	3775 00
“ Contingent expenses,	2000 00
“ Highways,	1800 00
“ Memorial Services,	50 00
“ Carney Hospital,	25 00
“ Library,	160 00
“ State tax,	615 00
“ County tax,	1090 64
Overlay,	79 78
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	\$12,145 42

AMOUNT RAISED BY TAX.

On Polls,	\$870 00	
On Property,	11275 42	
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Rate per cent., \$18.00 per \$1000.

Tax on each Poll, \$2.00.

L. T. WEBSTER,	}	ASSESSORS
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,		OF
GEORGE J. BACON,		NORTHFIELD.

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Amount worked and credited on taxes,	\$676 88
Paid Harry M. Howe,	3 13
R. K. Caldwell, team,	4 00
H. H. Johnson,	2 40
Sumner L. Gates and team,	13 40
Henry W. Webster, scraper work,	92 00
Thomas Quinlan, " "	79 20
Wm. H. Doolittle,	2 25
James N. Caldwell,	4 23
Ezra L. Holton,	2 55
E. J. Blanchard,	5 36
Elsworth W. Barber,	8 25
A. G. Hale and team,	51 47
Isaac Murdock,	7 35
John H. Robbins,	10 75
Merrill M. Moore and team,	26 95
Stephen Keet, work and lumber,	3 00
J. A. Holland,	2 25
Frank Farnsworth, with team,	3 15
Frank W. Piper,	5 85
Alonzo Shepardson,	7 80
Otis T. Greenleaf, with team,	23 70
Henry C. Holton, with team,	11 33
Joseph W. Park,	9 75
Pitts W. Preston, team,	38 25
Ansel Field, with team,	25 85
J. Alfred Lyman, with team,	3 20
Frank Whithead,	12 00
W. W. Merriman,	2 10
Ansel Stimpson,	3 15
H. B. Allen,	60
John P. Wentworth,	1 80
Fred R. Clough and team,	38 75
Fred R. Clough, use of plow,	3 00
Winsor Morgan,	1 50
Landman Nye,	75

Fred H. Simonds,	3 75
James Allen,	3 75
Amos Whitaker,	5 55
Jerry Twine and team,	2 80
L. W. Brown,	4 00
H. R. Crowell,	3 75
Dwight L. Preston,	6 75
Henry Wright, timber for bridge,	20 00
Henry Wright, stone, “	1 00
Henry Wright, work on bridge,	9 00
Chas. Sanford,	1 50
Chas. X. Janes,	10 85
Samuel K. Sawyer,	8 25
Joel Randall,	5 55
A. C. Parsons,	21 79
George R. Stebbens,	3 00
James Barry,	3 00
Charles Parker,	3 00
Ed. C. Rugg, blasting,	2 50
John Grace,	1 50
H. C. Field,	45
Frank Whitaker,	3 00
Mr. Clay,	1 35
Clinton A. Ware, team,	3 60
Harris Simond,	50
L. C. Miller, team,	1 80
Frank V. Woods, drawing stone,	12 00
M. C. Miller, “	23 40
Amos Bigelow and team,	24 00
Samuel Ruggles,	5 10
Wm. H. Stratton,	1 53
Samuel G. Pratt,	60
Albert Whitaker,	2 25
Henry W. Montague,	6 85
Thomas Metcalf and team,	13 00
Oscar Wood and team,	2 00
E. C. Nash,	5 25
Samuel Stickney, team,	3 00
J. L. Hammond,	1 50
Lyman Gilbert,	90

Horace F. Field,	2 35
Mr. Oaks,	1 35
Wm. W. Darling,	1 50
O. L. Leach,	1 50
Geo. E. Clough, team,	12 00
Henry W. Stimpson, shovelling snow,	4 65
Elisha A. Smith,	6 02
C. A. Smith,	1 68
Sumner H. Collar,	3 26
Benjamin Davis,	75
C. Davis,	78
S. L. Pike,	45
George W. Browning,	5 37
F. A. Hilliard,	3 15
William Whitaker,	15
Wallis Morgan,	4 12
Melvin Collar,	15
L. B. Robbins,	45
M. Duniken,	30
J. B. Putney,	4 53
Wm. Dawson,	1 19
Charles Bass,	3 44
Henry Dresser,	2 31
Henry Hammond,	15
Henry Wright, 2d,	3 40
Clarence Moody,	1 80
Adolphus L. Hale,	2 60
Darius Dickinson,	2 20
David Long, team,	3 20
Rufus Philips,	1 05
Peter McHugh,	90
Henry Lyman,	75
F. G. Morgan,	25
Frank V. Doolittle, stone for culvert,	38 33
Jona. Lyman, building culvert at Farms,	340 00
Francis Fisher, blasting stone,	2 10
James Campbell, new road,	13 50
John Grace, “	13 50
Chas. Blanchard, “	14 62
Timothy Crehan, “	13 50

David Dale, new road,	13 50
John Dale, “	6 75
Thos. Quinlan, “ team,	51 50
Henry Webster, “	36 00
Charles Osgood, stone, new road,	5 00
George F. Pentecost, stone new road,	25 00
Alvin A. Long,	18 00
Charles Pomeroy, team,	15 00
Jona. Lyman, rebuilding abutment,	42 50
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	\$2147 90

Less cost completing new road to bridge,	\$226 20
Less cost of culvert at Farms,	340 00
Less stone work, Pine Meadow bridge,	42 50
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	\$608 70
Amount expended for ordinary repairs,	\$1539 20

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid James T. Cummings, painting guide boards,	\$4 00
Lyman Brothers, goods and work,	9 31
R. C. Ward, services as Selectman,	3 25
S. G. Wilds, “ “	2 25
R. C. Fisher, repair roof town house,	3 00
George A. Stearns, building boat at Munn's ferry,	270 00
B. F. Streeter, 4 cords wood, town house,	17 00
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing town reports,	30 40
Grand Army Post, per town vote,	50 00
Francis Labonte, of Leicester, state aid,	32 00
Addison Tanner, land damage,	27 50
Expenses burial Charles Morgan,	7 00
W. F. Prindle, drain pipe,	30 80
Dwight Cook, of Montague, state aid,	32 00
Geo. F. Pentecost, abatement poll tax,	2 00
Mrs. Cynthia Colton, abatement on personal tax,	6 20
S. House, rebate tax of Morris Conner,	1 23

W. E. Webster, insurance on town house,	30 00
A. C. Parsons & Son, cement,	13 00
Chas. Pomeroy, abatement tax on Perry farm,	3 95
Henry Johnson's heirs, " " "	3 95
Conant & Conant, advice to board of registrars of voters,	5 00
M. M. Pomeroy, printing lists of voters,	4 00
Geo. Tyler, points for road scraper,	12 00
Allen & Cowles, for stone,	1 25
Elisha Alexander, repairing tools,	2 60
Tax bills and collector's book,	2 35
Fred A. Thomas, repairing scraper,	2 70
Sackett Brothers, drain pipe,	36 90
H. B. Parker, supporting water trough,	2 00
E. J. Blanchard, " "	3 00
H. W. Webster, " "	5 00
Ansel Stimpson, " "	4 00
Estate, S. A. Field, rent of water,	5 00
Aqueduct Company, "	10 00
L. H. Sprague, error of assessment tax,	1 62
Henry C. Holton, mowing cemetery,	1 50
Henry Wright, " "	7 00
Lucius Stimpson, " "	1 50
Sumner H. Collar, " "	2 00
Charles Pomeroy, posts for railing,	3 75
A. G. Hale, timber for bridge,	2 00
Henry C. Holton, bridge plank,	1 56
A. G. Hale, 2250 ft. " "	36 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, 2300 ft. bridge plank,	36 80
Samuel K. Sawyer, 1713 ft. " "	25 69
Judah Nash, 1324 ft. " "	18 54
Geo. F. Alexander, 554 ft. " "	7 54
L. T. Webster, 369 ft. " "	5 55
Library committee for purchase of books,	100 00
Salary, Librarian,	60 00
Incidental expenses of Library,	15 00
E. W. Cotton, running town lines,	18 00
Jonathan Stimpson, abatement of tax in part,	2 25
C. W. Reed, laying drain pipe,	4 85

Wright Stratton, services as collector,	40 00
“ “ posting Town warrants, etc.,	8 00
“ “ services as Town officer,	10 00
“ “ discount on taxes,	283 60
“ “ abatement taxes assessed '85,	31 12
R. K. Caldwell, “ “ “ '84,	17 45
Henry Wright, care of Town clock,	15 00
“ “ “ “ hall,	37 00
“ “ burial permits,	5 75
“ “ driving hearse,	37 00
Elias Lyman, services as Town Clerk,	36 95
“ “ expenses and expresses of Town Clerk,	18 84
“ “ services as Treasurer,	40 00
“ “ sundry expenses as Treasurer,	12 50
Printing Town orders,	2 50
Drawing drain tile,	2 75
E. E. Russell, repairs at Town house,	75
W. M. Moore, repairs of Jury box,	2 00
L. T. Webster, paints, hardware, etc., per store account,	33 66
L. T. Webster, care and feeding 100 tramps during year,	25 25
W. Stratton, abatement taxes, 1883,	57 58
Total,	<hr/> \$1,743 49

EXPENSES INCURRED ON ACCOUNT OF POOR.

Jerusha Doolittle,	
Paid Henry Wright, 2d, to Feb. 22, 1886,	\$117 00
Lucretia Sawyer.	
Paid Henry Wright, to Feb. 22, 1886,	117 00
Mrs. Amy Marsh.	
Paid Henry Wright, to Feb. 22, 1886,	51 10
Susannah Grout.	
Paid Henry Wright, to Feb. 22, 1886,	54 00
Charles Lord.	
Paid L. T. Webster, shoes, clothing, &c.,	7 80
Paid Frank V. Doolittle, to Feb. 1, 1886,	73 28
Lorenzo B. Putney.	
Paid Mrs. John B. Putney,	44 70
Dwight Cook of Montague.	
Paid T. B. Stratton, groceries,	\$9 00
“ Overseers of Montague,	12 50
“ Dr. A. V. Bowker, medical attd'ce,	9 50
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Mrs. John Cutting and 3 children,	
Holyoke.	
Paid Overseers of Poor, Holyoke, rent,	
medicines,	69 50
Mrs. Sally Elmer.	
Paid A. D. Elmer, \$1.00 per week,	52 16
Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe.	
Paid \$1.00 per week from Sept. 26,	20 00
Mrs. Margaret Ragan.	
Paid H. R. Crowell, groceries and goods	
from store,	28 00

Francis Labonte and family, Leicester.	
Paid Overseers of the Poor, Leicester, aid,	11 00
Mrs. Electa Stratton, Erving.	
Paid \$1 per week since Aug. 1, 1885, Mrs. Kempland, Bernardston.	26 26
Paid Dr. W. H. Pierce, Bernardston, medical attendance,	37 75
Dr. C. H. Howard, medical attendance,	2 50
Paid for meal & groceries, Abram Richards,	7 20
L. T. Webster, groceries and necessities,	
Geo. Tatro, state pauper,	7 05
H. W. Webster, for flour and meal, sundry poor, per order,	3 43
L. T. Webster, for aid to Peter Dwyer & family state paupers,	48 50
L. T. Webster, cash expense on account of poor as per bill,	10 41
Charles E. Morgan.	
Paid Northampton Hospital to time of descease,	98 54
Mary Pierson.	
Catherine Hamill.	
Paid Worcester Hospital, to Jan. 1, '86,	431 41
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	\$1349 57

Received and due on account of payments as above :

Paid by R. K. Caldwell, guardian Mary Pierson,	\$59 49
By R. K. Caldwell, guardian Lucretia Sawyer,	60 00
By State Treasurer, aid to Geo. Tatro,	7 05
Due from Erving and Wendell, aid to Peter Dyer,	48 50
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	\$175 04
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Net expense for poor for year,	\$1172 53

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Paid Emma Rhoad, teaching and board,	\$178 50
Isabel S. Childs, " "	168 00
Charles L. Arlin, care of school room,	15 25
John Canfield, cleaning " "	8 50
Mary and Maggie Grace, care, "	10 50
N. E. Priest, repairs,	3 25
Lyman Brothers, repairs and goods,	5 50
Thomas Quinlan, 11 1/2 cords wood,	51 75
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	\$441 25

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Paid Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching and board,	\$247 85
D. Everett Lyman, care, repairs, house,	15 60
A. G. Miner, blinds,	3 75
A. C. Parsons, paints and oils,	18 86
Frank H. Turner, painting school house,	22 80
Charles H. Stearns, repairs, "	1 00
Michael Pigott, wood,	1 00
Thomas Quinlan, wood, 4 1/2 cords,	18 56
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	\$329 42

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Paid Minnie Atherton, teaching and board,	\$157 50
Miss W. D. Atherton, teaching and board,	37 50
Geo. E. Nye, care of school room,	5 25
Michael Cosgrove, cleaning school room,	2 00
Ansel Field, 4 1/2 cords, wood,	18 00
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	\$220 25 *

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Paid Mrs. G. M. Starkweather, teaching and board,	\$176 35
Abby and Carrie Barrett, care school room,	6 75
J. F. May, repairs,	2 90
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	\$186 00

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Paid Ella M. Parker, teaching and board,	\$175 00	
“ “ care school room,	8 10	
Lucius Stimpson, cleaning school room,	1 50	
Wm. W. Merriman, 2 cords wood,	9 00	
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SCHOOL NO. 6.

Paid Ida Parks, teaching and board,	\$60 00	
“ “ care school room,	3 00	
Jennie S. Pierce, teaching and board,	102 00	
“ “ care school room,	5 10	
O. T. Greenleaf, cleaning school room,	2 00	
“ “ repairs,	5 00	
Sumner H. Collar, carrying scholars,	15 00	
Frank Harness, “ “	30 00	
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SCHOOL NO. 7.

Paid Mrs. Cora B. Preston, teaching and board,	\$247 00	
Mrs. Cora B. Preston, care school room,	6 50	
Chas. B. Manchester, building fires,	3 00	
Pickett Brothers, 4½ cords wood,	20 25	
S. L. Gates, 1 cord wood, fitted for stove,	4 00	
Everett Lyman, repairs school house,	5 68	
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SCHOOL NO. 9.

Paid Lena F. Lee, teaching and board,	\$157 50	
Lena F. Lee, care of school room,	4 50	
Mrs. Thos. Grace, cleaning school room,	5 50	
Sherman Bartlett, care school room,	1 25	
Alexander Holton, 4½ cords wood,	20 00	
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Paid Lyman Brothers, stove and pipe,	11 50
L. T. Webster, care school supplies,	6 00
Boston School Supply Co., school books,	119 57
Cooperthwait & Co.,	111 80
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	\$2316 67

CLASSIFICATION.

Total paid teachers,	\$1707 20
Paid care and cleaning school rooms,	88 70
Repairs school houses,	84 34
Furnishing room stove,	11 50
School books,	231 37
Carrying scholars,	45 00
32 cords wood,	142 56
Express and care school books,	6 00
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	\$2316 67

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Selectmen, in account with the Town of Northfield.

	DR.
To orders drawn of Treasurer during year,	\$6,814 87
Received of Henry Wright, rent of town hall,	67 00
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	\$6,881 87

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By paid R. C. Ward, Selectman,	\$136 25
“ Geo. F. Alexander, “	99 25
“ S. G. Wilds, “	98 75
“ Warren J. Wright, School Com.,	59 38
“ J. B. Callender, “	55 00
“ Chas. Pomeroy, Auditor,	2 00
“ L. T. Webster, “	2 00
“ R. K. Caldwell, “	2 00
“ C. L. Robbins, Regis'r of Voters,	15 00
“ T. J. Field, “ “	17 50
“ C. A. Ware, “ “	15 00
“ Elias Lyman, “ “	15 00
“ Ordinary repairs of highways,	1471 02
“ For schools,	2316 67
“ For support of poor,	817 62
“ Public Library,	175 00
“ Contingent expenses,	1568 49
“ Outstanding orders to balance,	15 94
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	\$6,881 87

L. T. WEBSTER,	}	SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD.
GEO. F. ALEXANDER,		
GEORGE J. BACON,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Elias Lyman, Treasurer, in account with Town of Northfield,

Feb. 15, 1886.

	DR.
To cash on hand, Feb. 21, 1885,	\$811 95
Rec'd W. Stratton, tax, '83,	68 53
“ R. K. Caldwell, tax, '84,	601 69
“ W. Stratton, tax, '85,	6873 53
“ Selectmen, loan,	1200 00
“ State Treas., corporation tax,	1070 35
“ “ Nat'l Bank tax,	390 18
“ “ State aid,	84 00
“ “ “ School fund,	214 07
“ “ Support of State paupers,	7 05
“ On account Mary Pierson,	59 49
“ “ Lucretia Sawyer,	60 00
“ Dividend on Insurance Policy,	31 50
“ Liquor license,	100 00
“ Dog fund,	118 00
“ Rent of hall at Farms,	6 00
“ Town of Erving, tuition,	3 00
“ Auctioneer's license,	2 00
“ Interest on surplus revenue,	12 00
“ Town of Warwick,	1 50
“ “ “ Vernon, Vt.,	1 75
“ “ “ Bernardston,	1 13
“ “ “ Winchester, N. H.,	1 00
“ “ “ Hinsdale, “	25

\$11,718 97

EXPENDITURES.

	Cr.
Cash Paid on outstanding orders,	\$65 49
Selectmen orders,	6814 87
County tax,	1090 62
State aid,	146 00
State tax,	615 00
District No. 1 Note,	800 00
Interest on District Note,	32 22
Interest at Greenfield Savings Bank,	66 80
Interest on temporary loans,	32 00
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	98 54
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,	431 41
Carney Hospital,	25 00
State Treas., $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license,	25 00
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1886,	1478 02
	<hr/> \$11,718 97

Approved,

R. K. CALDWELL,	} Auditing Committee.
H. C. PARSONS,	

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

FEB. 15, 1886.

Cash in treasury as per settlement,	\$1478 02
Due from collector, tax 1885,	1598 63
Deposit in bank by the county on account of Mil- lers River bridge,	200 00
Due for support of Peter Dyer,	48 50
Due from town of Gill on account of ferries,	68 00
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	\$3393 15

DUE AS PER AUDITORS' REPORT.

L. T. Webster, selectman,	\$87 75	
Geo. F. Alexander, "	68 25	
George J. Bacon, "	102 00	
Warren J. Wright, school committee,	65 87	
J. B. Callender, "	50 75	
H. C. Parsons, auditor,	2 00	
R. K. Caldwell, "	2 00	
Outstanding orders,	15 44	
Money borrowed for town,	\$1200 00	
Due on account schools not closed,	675 00	
" " of poor and sundry bills not presented,	1600 00	3869.06
<i>Savings Bank</i>		<hr/>
		\$2394 06
Balance in favor of the town,	<i>775.91</i>	<hr/>
		\$999 10

L. T. WEBSTER, }
 GEO. F. ALEXANDER, } Selectmen
 GEORGE J. BACON, } of
 Northfield.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF NORTHFIELD, 1885-6.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following brief report of the condition of the schools, together with a few suggestions that the observation of the year past seems to render worthy of notice,

It would seem needless to dwell upon the importance of our schools, the ground has been gone over so many times by the ablest minds in the country, and it cannot be possible that any intelligent citizen can ignore the subject or fail to appreciate its vast importance.

The common school institution is the rock upon which our republic is founded, and the universal and systematic diffusion of education is the only thing that can secure perpetuity to our form of government.

A serious difficulty that our schools labor under, is one to which commonly enough allusion is made, for seldom do we read the report of a School Committee that does not contain some reference to it, more or less strongly put; still it is none the less worthy of attention at the present time in its bearing upon the success of our schools. We allude to the manifest want of practical interest in the school on the part of parents and guardians, evidenced by their lack of generous co operation with the teacher through the various channels open to them. Do we, as parents, fully appreciate the importance of this? Your committee believe the responsibility of the parent is hardly second to that of the teacher in the success or failure of any public school. Indeed, the poor success and even the positive failure of some schools, which under different circumstances, would with the same teachers, have proved satisfactory in their results, lies in five cases out of ten, at the door of the parents and citizens of the district. This may not seem to some a well founded statement, but the conclusion, the result of previous observation, has been abundantly corroborated by the experience of past years in many districts in our own town.

In the first place a want of punctuality in attendance on the part of the scholars interferes materially with the systematic course of recitations, and breaks in upon the order and discipline of the school. Again, the frequent absence of some scholars for a half-day or a day at a time, in some instances amounting, in the course of the term to weeks, cannot fail to have the effect of retarding the progress of the individual scholar. But,

worse than that, not only is the interest of the individual affected by his absence but by breaking up the uniformity of the classes, (oftentimes making it necessary to re-classify a portion of the school, and it may be to increase the number of classes,) by deranging the well-matured plans of the teacher, thereby taking up valuable time, it has a seriously bad influence upon the whole school.

Now is it not fair to conclude that the remedy for the above mentioned evils is in the hands of the parents to be used at their pleasure? and if so does not our responsibility, as parents, in the state of the schools seem perfectly apparent as far as these matters go? Another error into which some parents fall, of grave character and of vital importance to the well being of the school is that of directly interfering with the authority of the teacher, detracting from the dignity of her position, endangering her influence over her pupils, by thoughtless criticisms upon her methods or manner of teaching and general fault-finding with the condition of the school in the presence of the children; sometimes going so far as to sustain a child in his open resistance to the teacher or the rules.

How is it possible, we may be allowed to ask, for any teacher, no matter how well fitted for the position, when in addition to the fulfilment of her regular duties, arduous enough in themselves, she is obliged to contend with a spirit of faction and insubordination, backed up by the parents at home?

This is all wrong. The moment a child enters the school room, it is the parents' duty to yield him to the jurisdiction of the constituted authority of the school, expecting him to fulfill the duties imposed upon him, and to be subject to the rewards and punishments. It is manifestly our duty also, if we would see our school prosper, fully to sustain the authority of the teacher among the children at home, and render all the aid possible in sustaining it beyond our own fireside. If special or general objection arise to the course pursued in any school, the remedy is almost always easy and plain, in a friendly personal interview with the teacher, in which oftentimes the *ex parte* statements made by children and others, which may have given rise to the supposed objectionable feature, may be explained away, and, at any rate an opportunity for a kindly word of counsel or warning be afforded.

It is a curious fact that those who find the most fault with schools and teachers, are generally parties who take the least

pains to ascertain the real condition of things, and who rarely, if ever, visit a school to examine its condition. This course of treatment is too obviously unjust and unfair to require comment.

We have been fortunate the past year, as a general thing, in the employment of competent and faithful teachers, and in nearly every school, good degree of progress has been made in consequence.

We would call attention, however, to the fact that the schools of No. 1 have become over-crowded and unweildy, the scholars varying very much in age, capacity and acquirement. A necessity seems to exist for a change in the arrangement thereof. There should be in these schools, to do justice to ourselves and the children, a graded school of three departments, primary, intermediate and grammar.

Of the nine schools in the town, seven will have been maintained, at the close of the winter term, 33 weeks; the two others in the mountain districts have been maintained 27 weeks each.

The repairs of our school buildings have been carefully looked after by your Committee, and the houses are generally in good condition, and in the repairs made we have used but a portion of the appropriation made for that purpose.

No vagrant or truant children have come to the knowledge of your committee the past year.

Under the new State law which compels the Town to furnish the text books for the schools, your Committee have been surprised at the extent of the demand made for books. The law, although upon its face presenting some favorable features, we deem, on the whole, to be rather injudicious than otherwise. It certainly has entailed a very great increase of care and perplexity to your Committee, and has added quite a considerable amount of taxation to the Town.

As several of our schools have not completed the school year, as this report goes to print, we are obliged to omit the little table of statistics which has usually accompanied the report.

We would recommend, in conclusion, that there be appropriated the ensuing year for schools, \$2200; for repairs on school buildings, \$150; and \$100 to be used at the Committee's discretion for the conveyance of scholars to and from school.

JOSEPH B. CALLENDER,	}	SCHOOL
WARREN J. WRIGHT,		
D. EVERETT LYMAN,		COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

FEBRUARY 15, 1886.

Number of volumes reported last year,	2630
“ “ purchased,	104
“ “ presented,	3
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Total,	2737
Lost,	2
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No. volumes remaining in Library,	2735

4,349 volumes have been circulated in 156 families during the past year. This is an increase over that of last report, which shows that the privileges of a Public Library are appreciated. A suitable and properly conducted reading room connected with our library, would be of inestimable value to our young men. Free access to the best papers and periodicals of the day would invite the young men to an investigation of the affairs of State, thereby the better fitting them for the responsible positions they will sooner or later be called to fill. How much more profitable for the boys, if they could, under the leadership of some competent person, be led to study the mechanism of our Government. Is it just to ask our boys to uphold the destinies of our free country, without teaching them what it is, and how best to support it? In no way could a small amount of money be so profitably expended as to provide and maintain a free reading room. Your Committee would recommend that a suitable place be provided for, and proper rules adopted for the support of a free reading room.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF NORTFIELD.

	Dr.
To Cash on hand, last report,	\$21 22
Appropriation for new books,	100 00
“ “ care of Library,	75 00
Fines received,	8 36
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	\$204 58

1885.		CR.
June 10,	By paid freight on new books,	\$1 06
24, " "	L. W. Rice, binding books,	8 00
24, " "	Field & Hall, for catalogues,	6 00
24, " "	" " paper,	3 00
July 13, " "	Loring, Short & Harmon,	100 00
1886.		
Feb. 15, " "	Nellie Holton, librarian,	60 00
" " "	" " as per bill,	99
" " "	R. C. Ward, "	10 68
" " "	Cash in hands of lib. com.,	14 85
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		\$204 58

R. C. WARD, Chairman Lib. Com.

Approved Feb. 15, 1886,

R. K. CALDWELL,	} AUDITING COMMITTEE.
H. C. PARSONS,	

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR ON THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Jan. 1, 1886;	\$1067 37
Drawn from bank, Feb. 13, 1886,	\$41 62
paid as follows :	
Widow William Stevens,	\$5 00
" Abbie Barrett,	5 00
" Ellen O'Keefe,	5 00
" Elijah Field,	5 00
Daughter James M. Caldwell,	5 00
Almira Gage,	5 00
Widow Margaret Regan,	5 00
Cash on hand,	6 62
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	\$41 62
Amount in bank,	
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	\$1025 75

L. T. WEBSTER,	} OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER,	
GEORGE J. BACON,	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR,
AND ASSESSORS
OF THE
Town of Northfield
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
LIBRARY COMMITTEE
AND
TOWN TREASURER,
For the Year Ending February 14th, 1887.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:

PRINTED BY CECIL T. BAGNALL, PROPRIETOR OF THE REPORTER.

1887.

TOWN WARRANT.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money for the Library, for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will raise twenty-five dollars for the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote money for a new bell for the School House at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the ensuing year, the vote to be on one ballot, and the ballot to be "Yes" or "No".

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote the sum of fifty dollars for the Grand Army Post for Decoration Day, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will choose Overseers of the Poor, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote a sufficient sum of money to repair and replace monuments in cemetery near the depot, or act thereon.

ART. 13. To hear the report of the Selectmen on revision of jury list, and act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will appropriate five hundred dollars for a higher grade of school in Village Center, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will change the day of the Annual Meeting, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will paint the Cemetery fence, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will contract for the care of the Poor or act thereon

ART. 18. To see how the Town will care for the Highways and Bridges, or act thereon.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

In presenting this, the annual Report of the Town Officials, we have varied somewhat from the usual plan. We have had printed the articles in the Town Warrant. The care of the Highways has been in the hands of surveyors, and your Selectmen do not feel that money can be as judiciously expended when divided among so many as when in charge of a less number. It has been the custom in past years to make Town expenses as small as possible, and this is too often done at the expense of the Roads and Bridges. The Bridges and Culverts have been repaired to a considerable extent, the past year. The heavy fall of snow the past winter has made quite an expense in breaking roads. The present way of caring for the Highways, can not give us the best roads for the least money.

The cost of caring for the Poor has been quite large. There are three in Insane Hospitals, and three cared for by Henry Wright, 2d. Mr. Wright's contract for caring for the poor expires the 4th of April, 1887. We would advise that the Town enter into another contract with Mr. Wright, for the care of the poor.

By far the larger expense in caring for the poor, comes from soldiers and their families that were credited to the quota of this Town. Susanna Grout has been placed in the care of Bernardston, much to the relief of the overseers of this Town. The indebtedness of the Town has been increased the past year, partly from roads and partly from schools, which have both overrun the appropriation. We would join with our predecessors in urging the changes of time for holding our Annual Town Meeting. It is impossible to avoid drifting into debt when you are obliged to make your appropriations without knowing the exact indebtedness of the Town.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of Real Estate,		\$577,597 00
“ Personal Property,		76,159 00
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		\$653,756 00
No. acres of land assessed,	19,616	
Dwelling houses,	368	
Cows,	679	
Sheep,	445	
Polls,	454	

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1886.

Appropriated for Schools,	\$2,200 00
“ Highways,	1,800 00
“ Libraries,	225 00
“ Decoration day,	50 00
“ Contingent,	2,000 00
“ County tax,	1,173 02
“ State tax,	600 00
“ School houses, repairs,	150 00
“ Carrying scholars,	100 00
“ Overlay,	200 57
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	\$8498 59

TOTAL RAISED BY TAX.

On Polls,	\$908 00
On Real and Personal property,	7590 59
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	\$8,498 59

GEO. J. BACON,	} Assessors of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. WARE,	

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ON HIGHWAYS AND
BRIDGES.

Paid Amount credited on taxes,	\$770 88
H. E. Wells,	71 46
O. T. Greenleaf,	61 49
C. X. Janes,	56 81
J. H. Robbins,	55 55
F. R. Clough,	65 30
Geo. R. Clough,	12 00
Nathan Clough,	6 00
P. W. Preston,	62 93
James Wall,	26 70
Henry Wright, 2d,	13 75
L. Gilbert,	46 81
F. Woods,	57 43
H. W. Webster,	72 45
Thos. Quinlan,	99 70
Picket Bros., stone culvert,	200 00
S. Fisher,	3 00
C. L. Robbins,	20 25
F. Piper,	49 30
J. H. Sargent,	11 55
F. Whithead,	8 63
Geo. A. Stearns,	9 80
J. L. Mattoon,	9 25
Chas. Pomeroy,	29 80
Clifford Holton,	22 00
M. Dickinson,	6 55
Henry Holton,	16 00
L. D. Smith,	20 32
C. L. Warden,	6 70
E. Alexander,	10 80
John Dale,	12 50
Morris Joyce,	14 53
S. G. Wildes,	20 25
D. Kingsley,	6 47
A. Stratton,	7 73
H. Lyman,	1 83
Geo. Moody,	13 30
A. A. Long, gravel and work,	16 25
D. Long,	9 60
J. Maynard,	2 75

W. O. Doolittle,	1 40
L. Smith,	4 00
A. Holton,	4 25
J. Barry,	2 70
Alfred Lyman,	12 00
C. Moody,	5 85
Elisha Smith,	10 80
F. Hale,	4 25
J. N. Caldwell,	5 70
J. Parks,	4 50
M. Collier,	8 53
J. Twine,	2 85
A. W. Sheapardson,	12 45
M. Chapin,	3 00
J. Grace,	6 00
Ansel Field, in 1885,	3 50
O. Davis,	1 07
S. L. Gates,	7 10
D. O'Keefe,	3 75
Wm. Dale,	60
Jake Dale,	5 40
Jerry Campbell,	1 35
James Campbell,	1 20
Geo. J. Bacon,	3 00
M. Pigot,	2 70
J. Dalton,	1 00
C. E. Aldrich,	3 30
A. Bigelow,	15 90
B. Davis,	1 50
H. Arling,	2 25
J. Driscoll,	2 55
W. Garrett,	1 05
C. Merrell,	2 07
F. Aldrich,	1 35
F. Fisher,	1 20
Adolphus Hale,	90
Elliot Lyman,	1 35
Ansel Collier,	8 94
W. E. Weeks,	1 42
A. R. Lyman,	3 20

Plank and Timber for Bridges and Highways.

Paid C. A. Moulton for railings and posts,	9 98
Liberty Page, timber for Gulf Road,	11 00
Chas. Pomeroy, for plank and posts,	20 75
Ansel Collier, “	64 24
Picket Brothers, “ and railings,	23 20
Chas. Warden, “	10 00
C. R. R., timber for bridge, (Meadow)	16 09
Johnson Brothers,	18 41
Lyman Gilbert,	38 70
Israel Harris,	4 00
Judah Nash,	17 30
F. V. Doolittle, stone for covering,	12 50
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	\$246 17

SNOW BILLS.

Paid O. T. Greenleaf and others, 1885-6,	42 43
Elisha Smith “ “	32 51
H. W. Montague, “	1 90
B. Callender,	90
Chas. Aldrich,	3 30
C. X. Janes,	2 78
Picket Bros.	5 25
J. H. Robbins	5 50
Frank Wood and others,	12 04
L. Gilbert “	8 05
Fred Clough “	16 63
Peter McVeigh,	60
R. K. Caldwell,	7 90
C. Britton,	2 40
M. Joyce	
H. Wright, 2nd, 1885,	3 50
Henry Lyman,	75
S. G. Wildes,	75
C. A. Ware,	4 00

Phineas Wright,	6 83
James Campbell,	65
Ansel Field, '85,	
Pitts W. Preston, '85,	3 90
Frank Farnsworth, "	6 15
S. S. Fisher,	8 85
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	\$177 57

Total Expense for Highways,	2174 35
" " " Bridges and Culverts,	246 17
For breaking Roads,	177 57
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Total,	\$2598 09

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. WARE,	

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid F. A. Hilliard, mowing cemetery, 1885,	\$3 00
" " " 1886,	3 30
J. N. Colwell, " "	2 00
Benjamin Davis, " "	1 50
L. Stimpson, " "	1 50
Henry Holton, " "	1 50
F. A. Hilliard, digging grave, (Morgan) 1885,	2 50
Georgia Purple, supporting water trough,	3 00
O. T. Greenleaf, " "	3 00
H. W. Webster, " "	5 00
J. H. Sargent, " "	3 00
H. B. Parker, " "	2 00
S. A. Field estate, " "	5 00
E. J. Blanchard, " " and toll,	7 35

H. E. Wells, repairs on water trough,	1 80
J. Dalton, " "	90
Freight bill on drain tile, 1885,	18 30
" " 1886,	1 05
C. T. Bagnall, printing reports,	25 90
" List for assessors,	3 00
Henry Wright, 2nd, error in settlement, 1885,	27 00
C. A. Ware, cash for book,	2 30
Pratt Bros., for blanks,	2 00
Advertisement for ferry man,	1 00
Geo. A. Stearns, wood for town hall,	4 00
Frank Moore, damages highway case, 1885,	100 00
Conant & Conant, advice and counsel,	22 00
W. E. Webster, abatement of Personal tax,	1 73
J. A. Sullivan, for drain tile,	5 67
Wm. H. Moore, for repairs on hearse,	2 90
E. H. Bond, stools for burial services,	4 50
Elisha Alexander, blacksmith bill,	2 80
Fred Thomas, " "	4 00
Geo. H. Reed, lumber for cemetery fence,	5 73
H. O. Doolittle, work " "	8 00
H. O. Crowell, nails " "	88
Field & Hall, for books and express,	2 15
Frank Streeter, wood for town hall,	12 00
E. E. Russell, repairs " "	11 31
Howard Watch Co., repairs on town clock,	49 65
J. T. Cummings, work on town clock,	5 00
Fred Turner, work on town clock,	5 00
Cudworth & Childs, insurance on town clock,	12 50
Henry Wright, 2nd, care of town hall,	39 10
" driving hearse,	16 00
" burial permits,	3 75
" care of town clock,	15 00
L. T. Webster & Co., goods furnished as per store account,	37 26
A. C. Parsons & Son, goods furnished as per store account,	5 22
Vt. C. R. R., toll,	2 50
Error in Vt. C. R. R. tax, 1886,	4 60
Elias Lyman, as town officer,	114 39
G. J. Bacon, expenses to Waltham, Holyoke, Northampton and Greenfield,	14 47

Town of Erving for Millers Falls Bridge,	3 50
L. T. Webster, balance due as Selectman, 1886,	13 20
Geo. J. Bacon, " " " "	7 15
Chas. L. Robbins, " " Register,	10 25
C. A. Ware, " " "	8 75
Elias Lyman, " "	8 75
Chas. Pomeroy, insurance on school houses,	47 25
Cudworth & Childs, " " "	33 75
S. Allen & Sons, 1 steel scraper,	8 00
D. D. Johnson, abatement taxes (Perry farm)	3 95
Chas. Pomeroy, " " " "	3 95
Wright Stratton, discount, 1886,	234 56
Wm. W. Pierce, care of Tramps,	27 75
Library Committee,	200 00
" " at Farms,	25 00
G. A. R. Post, No. 171,	50 00
Interest on County tax,	20 00
Henry Wright, 2d, in excess,	10 00
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	\$1354 82

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. WARE,	

AMOUNT PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Northampton Lunatic Hospital, care of Coleman C. Smith,	\$120 28
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, care of Mary Pierson and Kate Hanwell,	360 05
City of Boston for aid and burial expen- ses of Lucretia Prindle,	63 50
Town of Bernardston, aid and expenses, burial expenses of Wm. Kemplin's wife, \$44 28	
Aid to Alva Kemplin's family, 26 98	\$71 26
Dr. W. H. Pierce, Bernardston, for medical attendance, Mrs. Charey Kemp- lin,	21 40

City of Waltham, aid to Watson family,	109 36
Henry Wright,	
Care of Jerusha Doolittle, to Feb. 22, '87,	117 00
“ Lucretia Sawyer, “ “	117 00
“ Amy Marsh, “ “	117 00
“ Susanna Grout, 4 weeks,	9 00
A. D. Elmer, care of Mrs. Sallie D.	
Elmer, to Jan. 1, 1887,	52 14
Aid to H. B. Allen's family to Feb. 14, 1887,	37 02
Mrs. Reagan, “ “ “ “	49 36
John Cutting “ Mar. 1 “	94 50
Electa Stratton “ “ “	52 20
Mary Cook and “ “ “	90 65
Burial expenses of Cook Child,	19 25
W. Bancroft,	15 37
Ellen O'Keefe,	45 00
Mary P. and Fannie Mattoon,	49 90
Alfred Atwood and family,	10 00
F. V. Doolittle for care of Charles Lord,	78 18
“ Susanna Grout, shoes,	1 25
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Total expense,	\$1700 64

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By cash received from R. K. Caldwell, guardian,	
of Mary Pierson,	83 93
By cash from Town of Warwick,	10 00
Due from Town of Clinton for Mary P. and	
Fannie Mattoon,	49 90
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Amt. paid for support of Poor to Feb. 14, 1887,	\$1556 81

GEO. J. BACON, } Overseers of
C. A. WARE, } the
S. G. WILDES, } Poor.

SCHOOLS.

School No. 1.

Paid Miss Emma Rhoad, teaching and board,	280 50
“ Isabel Childs, “ “	96 00
“ Rhode C. Slate “ “	87 20
“ Lucy Alexander, “ “	85 00
Charles Arling, care of school house,	9 00
Mary and Maggie Grace, care of rooms,	11 00
L. and H. Wells, “ school house,	11 00
L. Quinlin, “ “	5 25
Thomas Quinlin, for wood,	10 12
Haskell Holton,	61 63
Mary Driscoll, cleaning rooms,	6 00
John Canfield, “	3 50
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	\$666 20

School No. 2.

Paid J. G. Thompson, teaching and board,	108 00
Miss Geneva Sykes,	253 50
Haskell Holton, for wood,	27 81
D. Everett Lyman, cash, care of room,	3 00
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	\$392 31

School No. 3.

Paid Miss Ella M. Parker, teaching and board,	52 50
“ Lena F. Lee, “ “	85 80
“ Hattie Haven, “ “	77 50
Ansel Field, for wood,	12 23
Thos. Quinlan, “	6 25
Geo. B. Kenrey, for wood on yard,	8 00
Eddie Dyer, care of school house,	3 60
Michael Cosgrove, cleaning “	3 50
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	\$249 38

School No. 4.

Paid Mrs. G. M. Starkweather, teaching and board,	\$256 00
Ansel Field, for wood,	16 00
Rufus Barrett, care of room,	8 90
Bertha Barrett, care of room,	2 50
Abbie Barrett, cleaning,	1 00
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	\$284 40

School No. 5.

Paid Miss Jennie Atherton, teaching and board,	\$186 70
Frank Whithead, for wood,	2 00
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	\$188 70

School No. 6.

Paid Miss Jennie Pierce, teaching and board,	\$170 10
O. T. Greenleaf, for wood,	12 50
O. T. Greanleaf, for cleaning room,	2 50
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	\$185 10

School No. 7.

Paid Mrs. Cora Preston, teaching and board,	\$93 60
Miss Ella M. Parker,	255 75
S. L. Gates, for wood,	16 00
Picket Bros., for wood,	10 50
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	\$375 85

School No. 9.

Paid Miss Lena Lee, teaching and board,	\$90 00
Gertrude Mattoon, teaching and board,	162 90
D. Everett Lyman, for wood,	1 25
Sherman Bartlett, care of room,	3 60
Mr. Thos. Grave, cleaning room,	2 50
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	\$260 25

Total,	<hr/>	\$2602 19
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School Houses and Supplies.

Paid D. Everett Lyman,	\$ 42 07
H. W. Montague, repairs,	3 95
Collier & Piper, painting,	58 25
Frank Piper, “	1 50
L. Stimpson, repairs,	2 25
Lyman Bros., supplies,	1 50
A. W. Bird & Co., Paints,	17 70
Parsons & Son, “	30 81
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	1 45
Fred Stearns, repairs,	5 40
Merrel Moore,	5 88
L. T. & C. H. Webster, supplies,	3 03
L. T. & C. H. Webster, express on books,	4 07
Copperthwait & Co., for school books, }	253 52
Boston Supply Co., }	
“ “ “ supplies,	8 10
H. H. Mason, kindlings,	2 00
A. C. Parsons & Son,	1 50
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	\$442 98

Carrying Scholars.

Paid Mrs. L. J. Dresser for carrying scholars,	\$52 50
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Total expense for schools,	\$3045 17
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SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Selectmen, in account with the Town of Northfield.

		Dr.
To orders drawn on Treasurer,		\$9109 84
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By Paid L. T. Webster, selectman,	\$89 75	
Geo. F. Alexander, “	68 25	
Geo. J. Bacon, “	102 00	
W. J. Wright, school com.,	65 87	
J. B. Callender, “	50 75	
H. C. Parsons, auditor,	2 00	
R. K. Caldwell, “	2 00	
Highways,	2,174 35	
Bridges, culverts and timber,	246 17	
Breaking roads,	177 57	
Contingent,	1109 82	
Schools,	2602 19	
School repairs and supplies,	442 98	
Carrying scholars,	52 50	
Support of poor,	1700 64	
Libraries,	225 00	
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GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. WARE, } Northfield.

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ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

From Feb. 15, 1886, to Feb. 15, 1887.

To cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1886,	\$1478 02
To rec'd of W. Stratton, Coll. tax, 1885,	1519 95
“ “ “ Tax, 1886,	7387 92
“ State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	1136 33
“ “ “ National Bank tax,	270 94
“ “ “ State and Military aid,	119 00
“ “ “ “ School fund,	217 05
“ County Treasurer, dog fund,	98 00
“ Town of Erving, support of P. Dyer,	48 50
“ Rent of Town hall,	67 50
“ Hall at Farms,	10 00
“ Town of Gill,	62 68
“ On account of Mary Pierson,	83 93
“ Town of Warwick,	10 00
“ Interest on S. Revenue,	12 00
“ Henry Wright, error in settlement, 1886,	2 50
“ Town of Erving, tuition,	3 00
“ “ “ running Town lines,	3 00
“ Auctioneer's license,	2 00
“ R. E. Dickinson, tuition, boy from Vernon,	2 00
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	\$12,534 32

EXPENDITURES.

By cash paid on outstanding orders,	15 73
on Selectmen's orders,	9085 94
County tax,	1173 02
Interest on County Tax,	20 00
State tax,	600 00
Interest at Greenfield Savings bank,	72 00
Interest on note,	60 00
State and Military aid,	120 00
Interest on temporary loans,	15 80
To cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1887,	1371 83
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	\$12534 32

Approved, Feb. 15, 1887.

HENRY W. MONTAGUE, Auditor.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

February 14th, 1887.

Cash in treasury,	\$1371 83
Due from collector, 1885,	78 68
From collector, 1886,	1130 67
Interest from surplus revenue,	60 00
Via bank from county,	300 00
From town of Clinton,	49 90
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	\$2990 08

DUE AS PER AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Geo. J. Bacon,	126 00
S. G. Wildes,	87 85
C. A. Ware,	66 50
W. J. Wright, school committee,	62 80
D. E. Lyman, " "	19 35
H. C. Parsons, " "	36 86
H. W. Montague, auditor,	2 00
Henry Wright, note,	1200 00
Savings Bank, "	1600 00
Due schools not closed,	539 70
Outstanding orders,	23 90
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	\$3764 96
Balance against the Town,	774 88

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. WARE, } Northfield.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF NORTHFIELD, FEB. 14, 1887.

No more important duty can rest upon your committee than that of giving an annual and detailed account of our public schools. In so doing we are glad, and feel much pleasure in stating a good progress has been made in all and are fully justified in the statement that the school year will, when completed, prove a fairly prosperous one. We believe the condition of our schools to be better, and constantly improving, and to the teachers, the parents and voters who have so liberally appropriated means for the support of schools, belongs a large share of the credit. We are living in a progressive age. Improvements are continually being made in all departments of life, and we think no one will deny that our schools, have, to some extent, shared in the general progress. We can say with pleasure that your committee have not been embarrassed with petitions, and that the schools have been running with very little friction, and in a general way, with much satisfaction. No acts of importance have been passed without the full consent of the board which has worked harmoniously and unitedly in all matters. Of course our actions in all cases could not be expected to give entire satisfaction. It seems almost needless to call the attention of our citizens to the vast importance of our common public schools, and yet while we take into consideration the fact that a large portion of our children receive their education in them, the matter ought not to be passed unnoticed. No person of intelligence can either fail to appreciate or ignore the importance. Realizing this and the fact that privileges beyond those furnished by such schools, are often denied to many, it is vastly important that we ought to elevate their standard by

using all wise and judicious measures tending to bring about such results. We have, keeping that object in view, endeavored to distribute, impartially, the town's liberal appropriations, and shall feel satisfied when the people have a good knowledge of our doings, to let them judge whether the board has faithfully performed its work or not. Since every citizen is more or less interested in the work intrusted to the school board, and taking into consideration, the fact that our national prosperity depends largely upon the liberal support (not merely financial, however,) given our schools, we need not dwell upon their responsibility, a fact only too obvious. We are firm in the belief that another school ought to be established in the Centre, and again commend this to your thoughtful consideration. This school could then be better graded, having the three departments, namely, High, Intermediate and Primary. Indeed there is good reason to believe that if a third school could be established there, under a competent teacher, the attendance would soon be good.

Is it not time to think of establishing a school there that will give advantages needed by a few scholars in every district who have out-grown, or nearly so, the benefit of the district school, and are looking elsewhere for an opportunity afforded for a higher education? It seems to us such a school could be established, and that it would prove a source of great benefit, not merely to the Center but to the whole town.

Seven of the nine schools will have been maintained at the close of the Winter's term or school year, 33 weeks; the two on the mountains have each had 27 weeks. They might have had more had the attendance in times past been sufficient to have warranted such a measure.

The attendance of the various schools has not been all we could desire although we think it has been quite up to that of average years. Parents alone are to blame, and indifferent in regard to much of the irregularity, and should use their influence more freely with teachers in endeavoring to bring about a more regular attendance, which is so important and necessary toward a successful school. How many estimate the value of this? Would that all did, acted upon it. Some irregularity has been caused by sickness, but the per cent is not large. Tardiness and irregular attendance coupled with indifference, are the worst obstacles any teacher can contend with, and too often baffle the best efforts of teachers in making a school as

successful as it could be under more favorable circumstances. The absence of a scholar for a half day is a small matter in itself, but its continuance in the course of a term may amount to weeks, and not only retards the progress of the individual, but others suffer, and reclassification is but the result of only too oftentimes disinterested parent's duty. Your Committee believe the responsibility of parents contiguous to that of the teacher in the success or failure of a public school. The State law requires 20 weeks every year attendance at school of every child between 5 and 15 years, and these 20 weeks in terms of 10 consecutive weeks each. Twenty weeks aggregate in the course of the year does not answer the requirements of the law. The school board have the authority to compel the attendance of scholars for the twenty weeks or to compel a fine to be imposed upon parents whose children have not been in school the required time. Your Committee have not enforced this law, although there may be one or two cases where it might be. The moral right which parents have to keep scholars from school is quite as questionable as the legal. Your Committee have the right to compel a more regular attendance, and this is shown by the regulations in many larger towns and cities. We think 15 half days' absence in a month should suspend a scholar from school, and that some regulation of this kind should be made in our schools.

The scholars living in what was known as District No. 8 (where there is no schoolhouse) have been schooled, some in Bernardston, some in No. 7 and one in the Centre. The scholars living in the western part of this district are more easily and cheaply schooled in Bernardston than elsewhere.

Seven of the nine schools have been under the management of the same teachers throughout the year and two have had the same for the past two terms. We feel that we have been quite fortunate as a general thing in the employment of competent and faithful teachers, and believe the good results generally attained will prove the assertions.

The repairs of school buildings have been carefully looked after and they are generally in good condition. Some small repairs, however, are needed in nearly all, and some of the houses ought to be made more attractive. The house in the Centre received a new coat of paint, the past year, which

added much to its faded appearance. Our schoolhouses are now well supplied with chairs and settees, and our only regret is that some of them are not more frequently occupied. Your committee advertised and offered for sale the buildings in No. 7 and 6 on the mountains. We received no bids for house No. 6 and those for the house No. 7 were so small that we did not deem it best to take the responsibility of its disposal.

No vagrant or truant children have come to the knowledge of the board the past year.

No change has been made in text books the past year, our present series being, so far as we know, satisfactory. The state law which compels the town to furnish text books and supplies not only brings a vast amount of care and perplexity to the committee but adds quite an amount to the town's taxation as well.

As this report is made up for the press when several of our schools are still keeping we are obliged to omit the schedule of school statistics which usually has accompanied it.

In conclusion we would suggest that there be appropriated, the ensuing year, for schools \$2200.00, for repairs on school buildings \$200, and \$100 to be used at the committee's discretion as a conveyance fund for carrying scholars.

D. EVERETT LYMAN,	}	School
WARREN J. WRIGHT,		
HERBERT C. PARSONS,		Committee.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

No. of volumes in Library last report,	2735
“ “ Purchased,	129
“ “ Presented,	5
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Total,	2869
“ “ Sold,	5
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Remaining in Library,	2864

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

	Dr.	
To Cash on hand, last report,	14 85	
Appropriation for new books,	140 00	
“ “ librarian,	60 00	
Fines received,	9 61	
Cash from sale of books,	4 42	
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	\$228 88	
1886.	Cr.	
June 17. By paid freight on new books,	91	
25. “ for supplemental catalogues,	5 50	
25. “ for 300 labels,	1 50	
Aug. 8. “ Re-binding books,	7 80	
Sept. 16. “ for new books,	128 05	
1887.		
Feb. 14. “ Librarian,	60 00	
14. “ Incidentals,	1 94	
14. “ for New books and express,	21 75	
14. Cash in hands of committee,	1 43	
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	\$228 88	

Northfield, Feb. 14th, 1887.

Approved,

H. W. MONTAGUE, Auditor.

There has been an increase, during the past year, both in the number of families taking books, and the number of volumes circulated. It is gratifying to know that there is a growing tendency for a higher grade of reading. It would be of great assistance to the committee, and value to the library, if the patrons would hand to the committee lists of choice books to be purchased. In this way the quality of reading would largely rest with the readers. It is noticeable that those who criticise the kind of books put into the Library are those who never suggest to the committee any suitable books to select. In the last report of this committee, it was suggested that a good investment for the town would be to provide and maintain a suitable reading room. In no way can the intellectual and moral status of our young men be so largely improved for the same amount of money. The young and active brain must have something to do, and if we do not provide a higher incentive to action, then the lower will be accepted, and the billiard rooms and beer saloons will be patronized. It is not too much to assume that the young will accept that which is for their highest good if they have an opportunity to make an intelligent choice. It is earnestly hoped that the town will establish and maintain a reading room in connection with the Library.

R. C. WARD, } Library
W. J. WRIGHT, } Committee.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 18, 1887.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR ON
THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Jan. 1, 1887,	\$1066 78
Cash in hands of selectmen,	1 62
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	\$1068 40
Paid Mrs. Reagan,	\$5 00
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Amount in Bank,	\$1063 40

GEO. J. BACON, } Overseers of Poor
S. G. WILDES, } of
C. A. WARE, } Northfield.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR,
AND ASSESSORS
OF THE
Town of Northfield
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
LIBRARY COMMITTEE
AND
TOWN TREASURER,
AND THE
VALUATION LIST,
For the Year Ending March 31st, 1888.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:
PRINTED BY CECIL T. BAGNALL, PROPRIETOR OF REPORTER.
1888.

TOWN WARRANT.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditors, School Committee, Assessors and Library Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make such appropriations of same.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of intoxicating liquors for one year from May 1st, 1888. The vote to be on separate ballots, and to be "Yes" or "No".

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote a sufficient sum of money to build $\frac{1}{4}$ of Millers River bridge and appropriate for same.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to build a school house in district 7, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate six hundred dollars for a higher grade of public school or act thereon.

ART. 9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the jury list, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote fifty (50) dollars for Decoration Day and appropriate same.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay necessary expenses for the year ensuing, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will change the day of its annual meeting.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will buy a farm for its poor, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see how the Town will care for the Highways and Bridges.

ART. 15. To raise such sums of money for the Library and act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will pay B. F. Streeter the sum of ten dollars for damage from Highway, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will pay a discount on taxes for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will name the streets in village not named, or act thereon.

To the Voters and Citizens of Northfield :

Having deferred the Report of the Selectmen to a later date than has been customary heretofore and by a vote of the town, we have been enabled to give a true and correct account of the liabilities of the town which you will find in the financial condition of the town. We have had all bills against the town presented and orders drawn for same to April 2, which takes in all the snow bills from Feb. 15, '87, which were quite large, but nothing compared with the great snow storm of last month, which we have placed in our financial report, as there were so many that had come in for payment that we concluded not to be at the expense of printing the same. We have made a contract with Mr. Osro Doolittle for three years for care of Town Poor, including clothing and Dr's bills, for \$2.25 per week. We would say that the expenses of poor could be greatly lessened by having a farm for their support as it would take off most of the outside poor. We have also placed in our report the expense of the new road, as well as the land damage for same. We made out to have it completed in time voted by the town although put to some trouble by one of the so called advocates for the road, when petitioned to build same. The town has now to defend an action for damage and trespass which will not be very heavy in expense when the rights of the case are shown up. We should have kept within our appropriations for highways, but owing to the heavy rains last summer the roads and bridges were heavily damaged so that we have used more than was appropriated for same. We have had to put in several new bridges which were unsafe and have replaced a number of plank culverts with stone. We think it would be wise policy for the town to have a road commissioner of good judgment to take the roads in the town and see to the repairs, as by so doing we could have better roads at a less expense. We have also inclosed our valuation for the past year at the request of a large number of tax-payers, as well as our Town Warrant.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of Real Estate,	\$604,954 00
“ Personal Property,	88,158 00
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	\$693,112 00
No. acres of land assessed,	19,616
Dwelling houses,	375
Cows,	686
Sheep,	401
Polls,	429

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1887.

Appropriated for Schools,	\$2,200 00
“ Highways,	1,800 00
“ Libraries,	175 00
“ Decoration day,	50 00
“ Contingent,	2,000 00
“ County tax,	1,173 02
“ State tax,	900 00
“ School house repairs,	200 00
“ Carrying scholars,	100 00
“ School supplies,	300 00
“ Repairs of cemeteries,	100 00
“ Bell at Farms,	30 00
“ Overlays,	147 33
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	\$9,175 35

TOTAL TAX RAISED.

On Polls,	\$858 00
On Real and Personal property,	8,317 35
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	\$9,175 35

GEO. J. BACON,	} Assessors of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. WARE,	

VALUATION AND TAX.

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Allen, James	2			115	425		\$8 48
Alexander, Geo. F.	2			231	2030		29 13
Aldrich, Charles	2						2 00
Arling, Wright	2			35	240		5 30
Alexander, Geo. A.						340	
Alexander, Elisha	2			210	3040		41 00
Alexander, A. M. D.			1500		3700		62 40
Alexander, Wm. D.	2			356	4110		55 59
Alexander, Chas.	2		1000	115	1750		36 86
Allen, Dwight	2						2 00
Anderson, Chas.	2						2 00
Arling, Chas.	2						2 00
Aldrich, Wm. H.	2						2 00
Aldrich, Frank E.	2						2 00
Allen, Fred Z.	2			1000	7620		105 44
Adams, Mrs. Gratia					1970		19 70
Arling, J. A.	2			163	770		13 20
Atwood, Fred E.	2						2 00
Aldrich, J. & W.					250		3 00
Aldrich, James Mrs.				98	550		7 78
Aldrich, James P.	2						2 00
Allen, Lydia Mrs.				100	2650		33 00
Alexander, Elizabeth					500		7 20
Alexander, Thomas	2						2 00
Aldrich, Fred	2						2 00
Aiken, Nelson	2						2 00
Atwood, Sarah Mrs.				100	870		11 64
Alexander, Geo. H.	2						2 00

	P 11 Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Bacon, Geo. J.	2	300		333	1835		31 62
Bain, William	2			153	430		9 00
Balding, Cousins	2			110	230		6 08
Banks, Chas. L.	2			260	1880		27 69
Barber, Azriah	2			190	1000		16 28
Barron, Kate Mrs.					1100		13 20
Battles, I. D.	2		100		450		8 60
Belcher, Jonathan, est.				190	2450		31 68
Belcher, William	2				570		8 84
Bent, William	2			40	560		9 20
Bigelow, Foustine	2						2 00
Bigelow, Willie	2						2 00
Bigelow, Amos	2			185	595		10 98
Bowker, Albert	2						2 00
Belding, E. E.	2		500	493	5570		80 77
Billings, Sarah Mrs.						470	
Blackmer, Chas.	2		1000	175	445		21 44
Blanchard, E. J.	2			30	635		9 98
Brizzee, Wm.	2			50	340		6 68
Brigham, Joseph	2			65	2000		26 78
Brigham, Walter	2			125			3 50
Briggs, Chas.	2				165		3 98
Britton, Chas. P.	2		300	110	705		15 38
Britton, Prentice, est.	2			1075	3245		51 84
Bolton, John	2						2 00
Browning, Geo. W.	2						2 00
Browning, William H.	2			95	1325		19 04
Burrows, William	2			283	1365		21 66
Burton, Joseph	2			30	840		12 44
Burnan, Willie	2						2 00
Burnan, A.	2						2 00
Belding, Hannah						500	
Colwell, R. K.	2			736	3313		50 59
Colwell, Lucinda, wid.					465	500	5 58
Colwell, Otis S.	2				365		6 38
Colwell, Elvira, Mrs.						265	
Colwell, Wm. F.	2			130			3 56

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Callender, J. B.	2			260	3245		44 06
Callender, B. D.	2						2 00
Campbell, James	2			42	940		13 78
Campbell, Jerry	2						2 00
Calleghan, Margaret, Mrs.				122	2015		25 64
Canfield, John	2						2 00
Cassey, John	2						2 00
Caughlin, Terrance	2				225		4 70
Caughlin, Patrick	2				190		4 28
Chapin, Myron	2			240	1375		21 38
Clark, Joseph	2			240	1373		21 38
Clark, Merton,	2			30			2 36
Clough, Geo. R.	2			150			3 80
Clough, Nathan	2			25			2 30
Clough, Fred R.	2			462			7 54
2d. Cong. Society					2500		27 60
Collier, Ansel	2			195	845		14 48
Collier, Melvin J.	2			100			3 20
Collier, Gardner M.	2				200		5 24
Collier, Sumner	2			30	275		5 66
Collier, Geo. E.	2			30	400		7 16
Colton, E. W.	2			114	2710		35 86
Colton, Syntha, Mrs.				30	2735		33 18
Cosgrove, Michael	2			62	580		9 70
Cowles, James W.	2			691	6800		91 89
Coy, Ira, Capt.						500	
Crane, Walter D.	2			132			3 69
Crane, Ella, Mrs.					740		8 88
Crelan, John	2			480			7 76
Crelan, Timothy	2				225		4 70
Chamberlin, Herbert	2			250			5 00
Crowell, Hiland	2	1000		325	1300		33 50
Cummings, James	2			30	515		8 54
Cutting, Pliny	2						2 00
Campbell, Benjamin	2				275		5 30
Conner, Dennis	2						2 00
Clark, Soloman	2						2 00
Curtis, Willie	2						2 00

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Colwell, Willie D.	2						2 00
Dale, David, Estate					1080		12 96
Dale, David, 2nd	2			30	295		5 90
Dale, John	2			151	1110		17 13
Dale, John, Jr.	2						2 00
Dale, John, Jr.	2						2 00
Dale, Wm.	2						2 00
Dale, Patrick, estate,				30	520		7 17
Dalton, Patrick	2			200	735		13 22
Dalton, John	2			30	490		8 24
Darling, Wm. E.	2			75	630		10 46
Darling, Moody	2				1000		14 00
Davis, Orlando	2			75	474		7 64
Davis, Fred L.	2			98			3 17
Davis, Benjamin	2						2 00
Dickinson, Martin	2						2 00
Dickinson, Darius	2			103	565		9 02
Dickinson, Electia Mrs.				135	2495		31 56
Dickinson, Williams	2			90	1470		20 72
Dickinson, Roswell E.	2			523	3470		49 92
Doolittle, F. V.	2			240	1050		17 48
Doolittle, Osro H.	2			130	360		7 88
Doolittle, Wm. H.	2			220	670		12 68
Dresser, James A.	2			60			2 72
Dresser, James Mrs.					610		7 32
Dresser, Henry A.	2			150			3 80
Driscoll, John	2						2 00
Driscoll, Edward	2						2 00
Driscoll, Dennis	2			42	485		8 32
Dutton, Mary T. & M. A.			150	100	2080		27 96
Davis, Milton	2						2 00
Duncan, C. C. Capt.	2			50			2 60
Davis, Lydia, Estate					500		6 00
Day, Marshall H.	2			517	620		13 37
Dale, David	2						2 00

	Fell Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Elmer, Amos D.	2			130	1060		16 28
Elmer, Amos, widow						25	
Elmore, Eliphus						75	
Evens, J. H.	2						2 00
Evens, Roselle	2			85	730		11 68
Estabrooks, Forest	2						2 00
Farnsworth, Frank	2			237	440		11 12
Field, Harvey Mrs.				185	1250		17 22
Field, Thomas J.	2			1074	12960		170 40
Field, Hollis	2						2 00
Field, Geo. P.	2			30			2 36
Field, Geo. P. Mrs.					2625		31 50
Field, Franklin	2				3050		38 60
Field, Mary & Frances					720	1000	8 64
Field, Otis E.	2			186	400		8 83
Fellows, Wm. C.	2			36	840		12 51
Fowler, Lewis	2			50			2 60
Field, Horace F.	2			190	2190		30 56
Field, Simeon, est.					1300		15 60
Field, Sylvanus "			300		1435		20 82
Field, Ansel	2			777			11 32
Field, Timothy			600		1895		31 94
First Parish Society,					1140		13 68
Fisher, Larkin	2						2 00
Fisher, Simon	2			377	1917		29 52
Fisher, Rodney C.	2			315	2400		34 58
Fisher, Geo. R.	2			130	1350		19 76
Fisher, Frank	2			70	1580		21 80
Foreman, Wright	2			55	240		5 54
Fisher, Andrew	2			40			2 48
Fisher, Charles A.	2						2 00
Field, William Mrs.				155	1285		17 28
Farnsworth, Albert	2						2 00
Green, Chas. H.	2			1245	5150		78 74
Gage, Anson	2			230	2075		29 66
Gage, Almira						265	

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Grace, John	2						2 00
Grace, Thomas	2			48	325		6 48
Gilbert, Lyman	2			328	1940		29 22
Greenleaf, Otis T.	2			230	1870		27 20
Graves, Edwin E.	2				700		10 40
Greenwood, James	2						2 00
Greenleaf, A. G.	2						2 00
Howard, Fayette	2	200					4 40
Hale, A. G.	2			337	2540		36 52
Hale, Lester	2			80			2 96
Hall, Martha, Miss					1280		15 36
Holton, Alexander	2			90	525		9 38
Holton, Frank B.	2						2 00
Holton, Abbie, wid.				276	3780		48 67
Holton, Arnold	2			80			2 96
Holton, Samuel C.	2			105	515		9 44
Holton, Wm.	2			305	1665		25 64
Holton, Rufus	2			50			2 60
Holton, E. L.	2			110	978		15 06
Holton, Henry						300	
Holton, Henry C.	2				25		2 30
Holton, Cyrus	2			748	4045		59 52
Holton, Roswell	2			1018	3257		53 30
Holton, Clifford	2						2 00
Holton, Charles, est.						1533	
Holton, Lucretia & F.						500	
Holton, Geo. E.	2			30	1275		17 66
Holton, Geo. Mrs.					3140		37 68
Holton, Horace	2						2 00
Holton, Arthur C.	2						2 00
Holton, Estella, Mrs.				105	2000		25 26
Holton, Lottia, Miss						300	
Holton, Haskel	2				200		4 40
Herbert, Wm.	2						2 00
Hammond, Lincoln	2			194	1250		19 23
Hammond, Henry	2			85			3 02
Harris, Israel	2			365	1315		22 16
Harness, Frank	2			67	460		8 32

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Hart, Henry T.	2			30	200		4 76
Hilliard, Cornelius	2			103	1160		17 16
Hilliard, Gilbert G.	2			489	2060		32 59
Hilliard, Freeman	2						2 00
Hilliard, Nelson	2			422	2450		36 46
Holden, Sheppard	2			30	475		8 06
Holland, Justin A.	2			280	855		13 05
Holland, Elbert J.	2			160	540		10 40
Holton, Cyrus Mrs.					2000		24 00
Holton, Samuel, wid.						185	
Howard, Eliz., est.					1605		19 26
Howard, Charles	2						2 00
Howard, George H.	2			150			3 80
Howe, David	2			100			3 20
Howe, Harry	2			542	3320		48 34
Hutchings, Geo. D.	2			350			6 20
Humphrey, John	2						2 00
Jones, T. Charles	2			18	720		10 86
Joyce, Morris	2			148	955		15 24
Johnson, Addison,	2						2 00
Johnson, Samuel						380	
Johnson, H. H.	2			60	960		14 24
Jackson, Arthur	2						2 00
Kenney, Geo. B.	2				345		6 14
Keett, Stephen	2			128	930		14 70
Keett, Charles	2						2 00
Kingsley, Dwight	2						2 00
Kingsley, Mary, Mrs.				130	1800		29 46
Knights, Wm. O. Mrs.				275	1700		23 70
Leach, Adnoriam	2						2 00
Leach, Osgood,	2			85			3 02
Long, A. A.	2			170	2905		38 90
Long, D. T.	2			147	2270		31 00
Long, Russell	2			368			6 42
Long, Geo. A.	2			200	880		14 96

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal. Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Lyman, Edwin	2		287			5 44
Lyman, Henry	2					2 00
Lyman, Hollis	[2					2 00
Lyman, Melinda, wid.			62	365	500	5 12
Lyman, Elias	2		90	1680		23 24
Lyman, Everett D.	2					2 00
Lyman, Elijah Mrs.				2050		24 60
Lyman, Simeon Mrs.				2930		35 16
Lyman, Joseph	2		30	630		9 92
Lyman, Jonathan	2		305	6725		86 30
Lyman, Alfred J.	2		332	2665		37 96
Lyman Brothers	4	250	100	1400		25 00
Lyman, Gilbert	2					2 00
Lyman, A. R.	2		550	4975		68 30
Lyman, Gad					290	
Lyman, Elliott	2	250	333	2075		33 90
Lamson, William	2					2 00
Lamson, Frank	2					2 00
Label, Joseph	2		120	350		7 64
Lindsley, C. A. Mrs.			275	5150		65 10
Lindsley, C. A.	2		250			5 00
Lyons, S. R. D. Mrs.					250	
Mack, Chas.	2			90		3 08
Mann, J. W.	2		527	3515		50 50
Mann, Warren, est.			177	1205		16 58
Marsh, Susan widow					360	
Marsh, Zebina					75	
Mason, H. H.	2		130	1380		20 12
Mattoon, J. L.	2		509	5915		79 09
Mattoon, Tho. B.	2		120			3 44
Mattoon, John	2		100	3475		44 90
Moody, Clarence	2					2 00
Mattoon, Chas W.	2			425		7 10
Mattoon, O. S.	2		30	3930		49 52
Mattoon, Isaac	2		198	1485		22 20
Mattoon, Emeline, wid.					375	
Mattoon, Mrs. Sam'l & Ir.					650	
Maynard, Caleb	2				50	

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Maynard, Joshua	2			232	1280		20 14
McHugh, Peter	2			198			4 38
McHugh, Thomas	2						2 00
Mead, Frances Mrs.					450	500	5 40
Miller, Emolous	2			135			3 62
Miller, Leandus	2			141	825		13 59
Miller, Marsellus	2			100	2570		34 64
Murphy, Owen	2						2 00
Merriman, W. W.	2			736	1985		34 65
Merriam, J. & Son	4			319	3905		54 69
Metcalf, Thomas	2			656	4150		59 67
Minot, Rufus H.	2			248	5460		70 50
Montague, H. W.	2			483	3350		48 00
Morgan, W. L.	2			18	505		8 28
Moody, Medad	2			120	1680		23 60
Moody, C. P.	2			120			3 44
Moody, C. P. Mrs.					890		10 68
Moore, Harrison						390	
Moore, Merrell T.	2			113	975		15 06
Moore, Wm.	2	500		225			10 70
Murphy, John	2				600		9 20
Morgan, Appoles	2				3535		44 42
Morgan, John A.	2			257	1890		27 76
Morgan, Jos. D. W.	2			170	700		12 44
Morgan, Fred	2			268	1020		17 46
Morgan, Mary, wid.						195	
Morgan, Nancy, wid.						340	
Morrison, Benjamin	2			98			3 18
Moulton, Chas. A.	2	250		240	1750		28 88
Murdock, Isaac	2			466	1250		22 59
Murdock, Edward E.	2						2 00
Murdock, Geo. E.	2			88	150		4 86
Mixter, Rufus S.	2				1100		15 20
Merrell, Chas.	2	700		50			11 00
Marrin, Byron	2						2 00
Moody, Geo. F.	2			998	3645		57 56
Moody, Geo. F. Mrs.					150		1 80
Moody, Ambert	2						2 00

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Moody, Edwin	2			383	2135		32 20
Moody, Betsey, Mrs.					1615		19 38
Moody, D. L.	2			1855	5650		92 06
Marshall, H. N. F.	2			2385	13275		189 82
Malley, Michael	2			60	200		5 12
Northfield Creamery				200	1600		21 60
Nash, Judah	2			435	3415		48 20
Nash, E. C.	2			247	1525		23 26
Newton, James	2			130			3 56
Nye, John	2						2 00
Nye, Fred	2						2 00
Nye, Henry	2						2 00
Nye, Landman	2			215	1615		23 84
Noyes, George	2						2 00
O'Keefe, Cornelius	2			30	515		8 54
O'Keefe, Daniel	2				350		6 20
O'Keefe, Edmund	2			30			2 36
Osgood, Chas.	2				2150		27 80
Osgood, Warren	2			340	1135		19 94
Page, Liberty	2			125	2590		34 58
Parker, Henry B.	2			166	1250		18 99
Parker, Henry, Mrs.					180		2 16
Parker, Chas.	2						2 00
Piper, Geo. W.	2						2 00
Piper, Albert	2						2 00
Piper, William	2						2 00
Piper, F. W.	2			210	830		12 74
Phillips, Rufus	2			87	550		9 64
Pickett Brothers	4			250	1070		19 84
Phelps, Wm. H.	2			229	3555		47 41
Pierce, Joseph	2			110	470		8 96
Pierce, W. W.	2			140	300		7 28
Pigot, Michael	2			102	765		12 41
Pigot, Patrick	2			40	685		10 70
Pomeroy, Laura, Miss						430	
Pomeroy, Mary, Miss						430	

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Pomeroy, Chas. R.	2			175	2250		31 10
Pomeroy, Chas.	2			907	5002		72 90
Pomeroy, Chas. Trus.					1840		22 08
Porter, Isreal						500	
Pratt, Samuel G.	2			203	1045		16 98
Pratt, Wm. B.	2			80	415		7 94
Preston, Jonathan L.	2			517	1870		30 64
Preston, P. W.	2						2 00
Preston, D. L.	2						2 00
Preston, John A.	2						2 00
Pratt, Edward	2			60			2 72
Purple, Georgia & L.				358	5060		65 02
Parsons, Herbert C.	2						2 00
Parsons, A. C.	2			300	4365		57 98
Parsons & Stearns			3000	150			37 80
Phillips, A. J.	2			135			3 62
Perry, Earnest	2						2 00
Quinlin, Thomas	2			573	2745		41 82
Randal, Joel	2			140	2015		27 86
Randal, Clarence	2						2 00
Reed, W. C.	2			105	690		11 54
Reed, Wm.	2				335		6 02
Richards, Elvira					550		6 60
Robbins, J. H.	2			72	650		10 66
Robbins, Herbert	2						2 00
Robbins, Chas. L.	2			363			6 36
Ross, Peter	2			30	400		7 16
Ross, Wm.	2			125			3 50
Ross, John	2						2 00
Rugg, Edward	2			155			3 86
Ruggles, Samuel	2			170	990		15 92
Russell, Edmund	2						2 00
Reed, Henry	2				400		6 80
Reed, Geo. H.	2			105	500		9 26
Resinecius, Geo. F.	2						2 00
Sawyer, S. K.	2			85	175		5 12

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Severance, Harry	2			253	1530		23 40
Severance, Nelson	2				2155		27 86
Sheapardson, A. W.	2			55	385		7 28
Sheapardson, C. W.	2			105	2120		28 70
Slate, Oscar	2			30			2 36
Stearns, Chas. C.	2			75			2 90
Stearns, Chas. H.	2			96	2935		38 37
Stearns, A. D.	2				1920		25 04
Stearns, A. D. Mrs.					653		7 84
Stearns, Geo. A.	2			295	100		6 74
Stearns, Fred	2						2 00
Simonds, Dwight Mrs.				30	1190		14 64
Simonds, Fred H.	2			306	1575		24 57
Smith, Lyman S.	2			80			2 96
Smith, John D.	2				970		13 64
Smith, Leonard	2			505	2250		35 06
Smith, Lafayette	2			217			4 60
Smith, Lafayette Mrs.					1250		15 00
Smith, Edward	2			60			2 72
Smith, Elisha A.	2			115	485		9 20
Smith, Hugh,	2			70			2 84
Smith, Herbert	2						2 00
Smith, Frank A.	2			210	1460		22 04
Stebbins, Clark	2						2 00
Stebbins, Geo. R.	2			205			4 40
Stebbins, Eva Miss					40	500	48
Stebbins, Chas. M.	2						2 00
Stebbins, Dwight Mrs.				68		500	81
Stebbins, Henry P.	2			135	515		9 80
Stevens, Austin N.	2			60	200		5 10
Stevens, Geo. A.	2			117	460		8 92
Stickney, Samuel	2			172	2260		31 18
Stimpson, Jonathan	2			30	410		7 28
Stimpson, Chas.	2						2 00

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Stimpson, Henry	2			206			4 47
Stimpson, Perley	2						2 00
Stimpson, Henry Mrs.					345		4 14
Stimpson, Lucius	2		90	220			5 72
Stimpson, Lucian	2						2 00
Stratton, Albert S.	2		225	4390			57 38
Stratton, A. Preston			199	2180			28 55
Stratton, Wright	2		335	2560			36 74
Stratton, & Webster,				1250			15 00
Stratton, Roswell	2		70	270			6 08
Stratton, Henry	2			290			5 48
Stratton, Elisha	2		348	3455			47 64
Stratton, Wm.	2		261	3405			45 99
Stratton, Sumner	2		534	2265			35 71
Stockbridge, F. J.	2		183	2280			31 56
Stearns, Marshall	2						2 00
Streeter, B. F.	2		472	2890			42 34
Sykes, Mrs.						130	
Slate, Samuel				450	500		5 40
Slate, Samuel N.	2		30				2 36
Sankey, Ira D.			600	4800			64 80
Sargent, H. J.	2		176	1085			17 13
Stevens, Frank	2						2 00
Severance, Edward	2						2 00
Simons, Ralph	2			635			9 62
Thomas, Fred A.	2			400			6 80
Thomas, John A.	2						2 00
Thine, Jerry	2		80				2 96
Toomey, John	2						2 00
Turner, F. H.	2		130				3 56
Turner, Fred H.	2		80	450			8 36
Turner, A. D. estate				280			3 36
Titus, Sumner	2		317	2875			40 30
Tuffts, Warren	2						2 00
Voice, John	2		200				4 40
Victor, Arden	2						2 00
Wilson, Fred	2						2 00
Wilson, Rodney	2		980	3825			59 66
Wright, Willie	2						2 00
Wright, Martha Wid.				90	500		1 08
Wright, F. H.	2		520	4590			63 62

	Poll Tax.	Stock in Trade.	Money at Interest.	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Wright, Phineas	2						2 00
Wright, W. J.	2			423	3145		44 82
Wright, Henry	2		1200	348	5370		85 02
Wright, Henry 2nd.	2			125	1450		20 90
Wright, Mary Mrs.					415		4 98
Wall, James	2			60			2 72
Ward, Henry	2			117	1610		22 72
Ward, R. C.	2			120	2400		32 24
Webster, L. T.	2	3000		493	4274		95 21
Webster, F. A.	2			160	2295		31 46
Webster, Willie E.	2						2 00
Webster, Chas. H.	2						2 00
Webster, Chas. E.	2			348	2925		41 27
Webster, H. W.	2	500		725	3875		63 20
Wells, H. E.	2						2 00
Weeks, Malon	2						2 00
Weeks, John, Mrs.	2						2 50
Wildes, Stephen G.	2			175	3095		41 24
Witt, Geo. F.	2			130			3 56
Wiley, Nelson C.	2						2 00
Worden, E. A.	2						2 00
White, S. A.	2			150			3 80
Wilder, Albert	2			50			2 60
Woodard, Francis	2						2 00
Woodard, Joseph	2						2 00
Whitacker, Clinton	2						2 00
Whitacker, Chas. A.	2						2 00
Whitacker, Albert	2			315	2455		35 24
Whitacker, Wm.	2			283	2210		31 35
Whitaker, Amos	2			245	1320		21 29
Wood, Oscar	2				1150		15 80
Wood, Frank	2			408	1870		29 34
Weatherhead, S. W.	2			75	545		9 44
Whithead, Frank	2			75	680		11 06
Wentworth, John	2			284	1775		26 71
Wentworth, Geo. P.	2						2 00
Williams, Ira S.	2						2 00
Ware, C. A.	2			762	4740		68 02
Ware, Addison	2				875		12 50
Wheelock, Wm.	2			38			2 46
Wells, Moses	2			250	2500		35 00
Warden, Chas. H.	2			310	1160		19 64

NON-RESIDENTS.

	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Alexander, Henry Mrs.		1250		15 00
Aldrich, Samuel		35		42
Allen Brothers		650		7 80
Ball, A. W.,		120		1 44
Phebe, Bartholemew		400		4 80
Barber, Geo.		510		6 12
Bemis, Geo. F.,		1900		22 80
Bent, Jonah, estate,		365		4 38
Brown, L. "		380		4 56
" L. W.		210		2 52
Burrows, Geo.		1100		13 20
" H. Mrs.		120		1 44
" Nelson		550		6 60
" Baxter		85		1 02
Buss, J. W.		200		2 40
Bruce, Chas. E.	140	1050		14 28
Ct. V. R. R.		650		7 80
C. R. R.		1250		15 00
Pemeroy Fund,		1100		13 20
First Parish,			8600	
Trinitarian Parish,			4500	
Catholic Parish,			5500	
Young Ladies' Seminary,			182,250	
Cushman, L.,		275		3 30
Dickinson, E.,	373	770		13 72
Delvey, Geo.		250		3 00
" C. heirs,		150		1 80
Doolittle, H. "		175		2 10
" Geo. Mrs.		250		3 20
Barrett, John A.	284	675		11 51
Fisher, John A.		190		2 28
Gaines, Benjamin		80		96
Goodnow, O.,		120		1 44
Gould, G. F.		170		2 04
Grant, H. P.		1950		23 40
Hayden, E.		2 00		2 40
Hale, S. P.		300		3 60
" J. P.		60		72
" H.		500		6 00

	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Holton, Fanny Mrs.		500	6	00
“ D.		510	6	12
“ J. P.		520	6	24
Gates, Edson		500	6	00
Houghton, S.		300	3	60
Howe, A.		100	1	20
Johnson, D.		925	11	10
Knowlton, J.		65		78
Jennings, W.		800	9	60
Mattoon, Geo. P.		2175	26	10
Merriman, C.		1420	17	04
Merriman, Lois, Mrs.		1650	19	80
Merriman, Etta and Sarah		336	4	03
Miller, S.		725	8	70
Moody, M.		350	4	20
Moore, W. J.		100	1	20
Morse, John		155	1	86
“ F. S.		200	2	40
Moulton, A. G.		175	2	10
“ E.		2130	25	56
Newton, James		85	1	02
Newton, Edward		630	7	56
Breen, Wm.		2005	24	06
Scott, M.		300	3	60
Pierce, Chas.		120	1	44
Priest, Wm.		550	6	60
Reynolds, H. D.		650	7	80
Priest, D. L.		1820	21	84
Ripley & Hawkins,		570	6	84
Pratt, Henry		225	2	70
Rugg, Chas.		2000	24	00
Pentecost, Geo.	400	4725	62	50
Prindle, James	405	6140	78	54
Richardson, H.	587	5700	75	44
Ryther, Wm. Mrs.		425	5	10
Sawyer, B.		200	2	40
Severance, Chas.		300	3	60
Snow, B.		100	1	20

	Personal.	Real.	Exempt.	Total Tax.
Severance, D.		125		1 50
Sturges, Kate Mrs.		200		4 20
Stockwell, F.		50		60
Stockwell, L.		220		2 64
Simonds, H.		100		1 20
Whitney, F.		600		7 20
Smith, M.		480		5 76
Stratton, M. D.		2425		29 10
Stone, J. E.		350		4 20
Stoughton, A.		380		4 56
Sprague, L.		120		1 44
Stebbins, M.		50		60
Gorley, C. P.	92	1705		21 56
Titus, Sumner		205		2 46
Kernan, Mary		475		5 70
Williams, M. Estate,		400		4 80
Williams, J. A. & C. A.		200		2 40
Young, Z.		3390		40 68
Newton, M.		800		9 60
Wanamaker.		1100		13 20
Walker, S. Y.		200		2 40
Burrows, A.		1050		12 60
Bangs, John	80	650		8 76
Westein, Mary Mrs.		2650		31 80
Lee, Wm.		1700		20 40
Barry, James		690		8 04
Wood, Lydia		600		7 20
Howes, A. C.		200		2 40
Ross Brothers,		250		3 00
Revelle, F.		2450		29 40
Caldwell, John	85	445		5 34
Belding, F. E.	352	2800		33 60
Dickinson, A.		2850		34 20
Gunn, Geo. A.		1600		19 20
Holden, Frank		1650		19 80
Barber, Edward		300		3 60
Colton, A.		200		2 40
Wood, J. D.		700		8 40

ELIAS LYMAN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

From Feb. 15, 1887, to March 31, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1887,	\$1,371 83
Rec'd. of Coll. Tax, 1885,	78 68
“ “ 1886,	1100 67
“ “ 1887,	8197 25
“ State Treas. Corporation Tax,	1275 78
“ “ National Bank Tax,	305 66
“ “ State and Military aid,	84 00
“ “ Support of State Paupers,	28 75
“ “ State School Fund,	217 94
“ Loan at Greenfield Savings Bank,	1800 00
“ From Town of Clinton,	209 56
“ Sale of School House,	125 00
“ County Treasurer, Dog Fund,	92 65
“ On account of Mary Pierson,	83 94
“ Interest on Literary Fund,	44 00
“ Rent of Town Hall,	41 50
“ Rent of Hall at Farms,	27 00
“ E. W. Bancroft estate,	7 25
“ From sale of book case,	3 00
“ From sale of School books,	2 04
“ From sale of ashes at Northfield Farms,	2 20
“ Henry Wright, error in settlement,	10 00
“ Town of Erving, tuition,	7 50
“ Tuition of Florence Gove,	2 00
“ Auctioneer's licenses,	4 00
“ From C. T. Bagnall, overpaid,	1 50
Due Treasurer, overpaid,	8 41

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EXPENDITURES.

To cash paid on outstanding orders,	\$25 90
on Selectmen orders,	12770 84
County tax,	1173 02
State tax,	900 00
State and Military aid,	116 00
Interest at Greenfield Savings bank,	72 00
Interest on Henry Wright note,	60 00
Interest on temporary loans,	14 35
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Northfield, April 2, 1888.

We have this day examined the accounts of Elias Lyman, Treasurer of Northfield, and find the same correct and properly vouched for.

L. T. WEBSTER, }
H. C. PARSONS, } Auditors.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.**EXPENDITURES, 1887-88.***School No. 1.*

Lyman Bros., supplies,	\$1 00
Frank N. Lyman, care of school house,	2 00
Mrs. Ross, cleaning,	2 50
Fred Wright, care of school house,	3 50
Thomas Quinlan, wood,	6 75
Maurice Joyce, work on grounds,	2 00
R. Holton, coal,	49 29
Geo. A. Stearns, slabs,	2 50
Maurice Joyce, cleaning, etc.,	5 00
Chas. Slate, care of house,	8 00
Chas. Slate, care of house,	13 00
M. Pigott, drawing coal,	4 00
Willie Long, care of house,	5 00
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	4 40
Emma Rhoad, teaching 3 terms,	263 50
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching 3 terms,	263 50

 \$635 94
School No. 2.

Chas. Britton, wood,	18 00
Mrs. Shivers, cleaning,	3 00
Leon Alexander, care of house,	7 75
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	1 81
Genevieve Sikes, teaching 3 terms,	237 50

 \$268 06
School No. 3.

Ansel Field, 4 cords of wood,	18 00
Chas. Parker, care of house,	2 75
Burton Ware, care of house,	2 00
M. Cosgrove, care of house,	3 00
M. Cosgrove, cleaning,	3 00
Merrill T. Moore, cleaning and repairs,	1 61
Sundry supplies,	85
Mabel Stacy, teaching 2 terms,	157 50
C. Belle Eastman, teaching 1 term,	75 00

 \$263 71

School No. 4.

Lyman Bro. supplies,	15
Parsons & Stearns,	67
J. L. Hammond, 4 cords wood,	13 00
J. D. Smith, sawing wood,	5 00
Callie M. Barrett, care house,	5 25
Willie J. Barrett, care house,	5 00
C. A. Moulton, wood,	5 50
Piling wood,	25
Mrs. Barrett, cleaning,	2 75
Irene L. Mattoon, teaching 3 terms,	232 50
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	\$270 07

School No. 5.

Mrs. Wm. Merriman, cleaning,	2 00
Lena Rankin, teaching and care of house,	175 70
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	\$177 70

School No. 6.

H. Robbins, cleaning,	2 00
L. Stimson, cleaning,	2 50
O. Greenleaf, wood,	1 50
Merrill Moore, wood,	5 00
Ida Dresser, care of house,	2 50
May E. Hart, care of house,	2 50
Bertha Murdock, care of house,	1 50
Sundry supplies,	35
Mary E. Hart, teaching 3 terms,	150 00
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	\$167 85

School No. 7.

Henry W. Howe, cleaning,	2 00
Edgar Aldrich, care of house,	2 75
Ella Parker, care of house,	2 75
L. W. Brown, wood,	13 42
Town of Bernardston, tuition,	6 00
Ella N. Parker, teaching 3 terms,	235 00
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	\$261 92

School No. 9.

J. H. Robbins, cleaning and repairs,	3 50
Geo. A. Stearns, 4 cords of wood,	14 00
F. V. Doolittle, wood,	2 25
Gus Baldwin, sawing wood,	2 60
Chas. Hart, care of house,	2 90
Fred Holton, " "	3 85
Sundry supplies,	18
Merrill T. Moore, cleaning and repairs,	2 00
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching 3 terms,	235 25
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	\$266 53

SUMMARY.

	Schools, Teaching.	Care of House.	Fuel.	Cleaning.	Sundries.	Totals.
1.	\$527 00	\$31 50	\$62 54	\$7 50	\$7 40	\$635 94
2.	237 50	7 75	18 00	3 00	1 81	268 06
3.	232 50	7 75	18 00	4 61	85	263 71
4.	232 50	10 25	23 75	2 75	82	270 07
5.	175 70			2 00		177 70
6.	150 00	6 50	6 50	4 50	35	167 85
7.	235 00	5 50	13 42	2 00	6 00	261 92
9.	235 25	6 75	18 85	5 50	18	266 53
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	\$2025 45	\$76 00	\$161 06	\$31 86	\$17 41	\$2311 78

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co.,	165 39
The Solon Bryant Co.,	12 97
Winkley, Dresser & Co.,	4 38
Cowperthwait & Co.,	14 30
Harper & Brothers,	8 41
William Ware & Co.,	24 12
Lee & Shepard,	57
H. C. Parsons, bills of supplies,	16 01
W. S. Warnock, printing,	3 25
Hildreth & Fales, “	1 50
Stationery and Postage,	1 70
Parsons & Stearns, sundry supplies,	4 80
Freight and express charges, etc.,	5 59
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	\$262 99

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Sale of books,	5 70
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	257 29

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

School 1. H. C. Parsons, bill of settees and materials,	\$12 33
Fred G. Stearns, labor,	2 25
W. M. Moore, labor and materials,	26 06
Thomas Alexander, labor,	2 50
A. D. Stearns, repairing blinds,	2 50
Chas. Stratton, pump and well,	1 75
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	\$47 39

School 2. Hugh Smith, labor,	1 40	
Sundry expenses,	69	
	<hr/>	\$2 09
School 3. School Furniture Co.	100 00	
W. M. Moore, placing seats,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$105 50
School 4. Parsons & Stearns, hardware, etc.,	2 66	
F. W. Piper, painting blinds,	8 00	
L. T. Hastings, work on grounds,	4 00	
Sundries,	36	
Thomas Alexander, labor,	10 08	
	<hr/>	\$25 10
School 5. Wm. W. Merriman, labor,	2 11	
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School 6. Lucius Stimson, labor,	1 00	
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School 7. Parsons and Stearns, paper, etc.,	2 15	
Frank W. Piper, labor,	3 00	
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School 9. W. C. Reed, labor, (Nos. 3 and 9,)	6 95	
M. T. Moore, labor, (Nos. 9, 3 and 6,)	2 00	
Sundries,	22	
	<hr/>	\$9 17
	<hr/>	\$197 51

CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Paid Mrs. Dresser, 3 terms,	\$46 00
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EXPENDITURE ON PREVIOUS YEARS' ACCOUNT.

Mary and Maggie Grace, care of school house No. 1,	6 00
Lawrence Quinlan, care of school house No. 1,	9 00
Peter Dyer, care of school house No. 4,	4 80
Parsons & Stearns, 2 brooms,	50
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching grammar school, Winter term 1886-87,	102 00
Town of Bernardson, tuition 1886-87,	16 00
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching No. 9, winter term 1886-87,	90 00
Hattie Haven, teaching No. 3, winter term 1886-87,	90 00
Care of school house,	3 60
Emma Rhoad, teaching Primary school winter term 1886-87,	102 00
Lyman Bros., stove for school No. 4,	13 65
Fred Holton, care school house No. 9,	4 35
L. T. & C. H. Webster, care of school books 1886-87,	6 00
Gertrude M. Starkweather, teaching No. 4, winter term 1886-87,	96 00
Joseph Williams, wood, 1884,	3 00
J. L. May, repairs No. 4, 1886,	2 88
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	\$549 78

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES 1887-88.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations—

In general,	\$2200 00
For repairs,	200 00
Books and supplies,	300 00
Carrying scholars,	100 00
Dog fund,	92 65
School fund,	217 94
Tuitions,	9 50
Literary fund,	44 00
Sale of ashes,	2 20
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	\$3166 29

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR.

Support of schools,	2305 78	
Tuition in Bernardston,	6 00	
Repairs,	197 51	
Books and supplies,	257 29	
Carrying scholars,	46 00	
	<hr/>	\$2812 58
Receipts in excess of the year's expenses,		\$353 71
Expended on account of previous years,		\$549 78
Excess of total expenditure above total receipts,		\$196 07

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Expended under charge of the school committee.

Furnace School No. 1, R. M. Starbuck & Co.,	\$165 00
Chas. Stratton, removing furnace,	1 15
Chauncey Reed, mason work,	4 00
Chas. Stratton, tending mason,	75
Medad Moody, setting ventilators, etc.,	2 09
Thos. Alexander, carpenter's work,	4 82
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	\$177 81
Appropriation,	\$200 00
New bell, school No. 4, C. H. Meneely Bell Co.,	
bell in exchange,	\$24 10
Thos. Alexander, hanging bell,	1 25
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	\$25 35
Appropriation,	30 00

SUMMARY.

Selectmen's orders for school purposes,	\$3,567 56
Expenses for the year,	\$2812 58
Expended for previous years,	549 78
Furnace,	177 81
Bell,	25 35
Returned to treasurer, school book acct.,	2 04
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	\$3,567 56

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1887-88.

Number of schools supported by town, 9.

Number of different teachers employed, 10.

Number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 according to census taken in May, 1887, 248.

Number of different pupils in school, 292.

Number of pupils under age of 5 and over 15, 25.

Aggregate number of weeks school has been kept, 268.

Average number of weeks for each school, 29.77.

Aggregate actual attendance in weeks for the town, 5887.

Average actual attendance in weeks for each scholar, 20.12.

Average wages of teachers per month, \$29.62.

Amount appropriated by town for schools, \$2200.

Amount appropriated by town for repairs, \$200.

Amount appropriated by town for text books and supplies \$300.

Amount appropriated for new furnace in No. 1, and bell for No. 4, \$230.

Amount appropriated for conveying scholars, \$100.

Amount thus appropriated per week, \$11.30.

Amount thus appropriated per child, \$12.21.

Average monthly membership.			Average monthly attendance.		
School No.	1. Primary,	32.61.	School No.	1. Primary,	28.99
" "	1. Int'mdte.	31.36.	" "	1. Int'mdte.	27.94
" "	2.	30.93.	" "	2.	25.30
" "	3.	22.83.	" "	3.	20.88
" "	4.	22.88.	" "	4.	21.68
" "	5.	14.50.	" "	5.	13.63
" "	6.	11.33.	" "	6.	11.15
" "	7.	28.82.	" "	7.	21.97
" "	9.	22.71.	" "	9.	22.55
Total,		217.97	Total,		194.09

In presenting our report of the condition of the public schools to the citizens of the town, we take much pleasure in being able to report a prosperous year, as a good degree of progress has been made in all, and in some the advancement has been rapid and excellent. The schools have been running with but very little friction and, if we clearly understand the situation, with quite a degree of satisfaction. There have been, out of the town's appropriation 31 weeks of school in seven of the nine buildings and, on the mountain Nos. 5 and 6 have had 20 and 25 weeks respectively. School No. 4, located at the South Farms, having funds of its own at disposal, was continued one week longer and school No. 2, through the generosity of Mr. D. L. Moody, who kindly offered to contribute the funds, was continued for four. Eight of the nine schools have been under the management of the same teacher the entire year, and we cannot overlook the fact that these eight have met with a greater degree of both success and satisfaction than the more unfortunate other, which has had two different teachers, and both good ones. It is a well established fact that a fair teacher continued throughout the year can accomplish more and will be apt in the end to benefit pupils quite as much as a succession of extra teachers of perhaps even higher training, and it ought to be remembered—we are sorry to make allusion to this oft repeated charge—that a frequent change of teachers is a most serious drawback to the progress and efficiency of any school; a fair teacher once installed better be retained than run the even risk of securing a better one; nearly every teacher has plans, or should have, that cannot be successfully carried out in one term of a few weeks, and by changing, a new teacher, with different methods, pays but little attention or regard to what has been done, and again it takes nearly one term for a teacher to learn the disposition, character as well as requirements with whom she has to deal and instruct. We have in our judgment been quite fortunate in the selection of our corps

of teachers the past year, having endeavored to select only such as were well recommended and were thought likely to prove to be in every respect industrious as well as qualified to incite the powers and habits of thinking and it might also well be added, that it has been our aim in ministering to your school affairs to keep in mind the public welfare as well as the rights of our citizens who are so largely interested in the trust which the committee have in charge. It is a wish that our labors might be more clearly understood ; that the people with a better knowledge of our doings might be able to judge more fairly, and we might also add, more justly, whether the board had faithfully discharged their work or not. It seems quite needless to dwell at any length upon the vast importance of our public schools, as that would occupy a space which has been gone over so many times by our ablest minds a country affords, and it is impossible that any citizen of intelligence ignores the subject and yet there is existing, in certain quarters, a strange feeling of indifference. In some instances they do not visit the schools ; they do not sympathize with or encourage the teachers ; they are faultfinding in regard to school books and are too apt to form their opinions concerning the qualifications and success of teachers from the quickly uttered opinion of their children alone. Is this the right course to pursue ? We think not. Is it not the parent's duty when a child enters school, to yield him to the authority of the school, expecting him to fulfill the duties imposed upon him and also to be subject to the rewards and punishments ? It is a curious and well noted fact in our experience that those who find the most fault with teachers are quite often parties who take the least pains to ascertain the real condition of things and we might also say never or rarely ever visit a school. To what extent ought such a party to make complaint of either schools or teachers ? More times, we fear, than even the average citizen of our town is aware, is some member of your committee called upon to investigate a complaint of prodigious magnitude, brought by some such party

which turns out to be as empty as any vacuum. That our doings in every case have given perfect satisfaction is too much to expect, and we can only say that we have worked unitedly and harmoniously and with but one purpose in view—to make our schools if not successful, as near so as possible. The attendance of most of the schools has been up to that of average years. The work in Nos. 7, 9 and 3, has been quite badly interrupted with a bad or irregular attendance caused by much sickness and hence unavoidable. We have still reason to believe considerable irregular attendance is caused by indifference on the part of parents. This is evident from the fact that the registers, from the two mountain schools, where scholars have in many instances long distances to travel, make a much better showing in this respect than some others taken from other schools. Parents ought to attach more importance to this great evil of a successful school. Your committee the past year have made a more than usual exertion to overcome this and are pleased to say have met with some degrees of success. The matter concerning truants and absentees from school was brought before the town at the August meeting, a code of by-laws presented which were adopted, but we were afterward refused admission to the Hampden county truant school on the ground that they could accommodate no more. Truant officers were appointed but no cases of truancy are known to your committee, however. We have in addition notified the parents of absentees by printed slips, who were absent three or more sessions without a reasonable excuse. It ought to be remembered by all parents and guardians that the law explicitly states that every parent and guardian shall give his children, at least, twenty weeks of schooling during the year, and that parents who do not conform are liable to the penalty. We, however, trust that no parent will, during the ensuing year, oblige the committee to enforce a law that would be so unpleasant to all, through either indifference or neglect. In visiting schools, it has been a pleasure to note much improvement in teaching as well as in

scholars. Teachers' better knowledge has¹ given in many instances, a better realization of scholars' wants ; better methods of teaching have been suggested, and some have improved from contact with other teachers or from visiting other schools. Some four or five scholars residing in the western part of the town were schooled in Bernardston, the distance to No. 7 being too great. This, however, was done at a very reasonable rate and none were badly inconvenienced. Only one change has been made in text books the past year, and our present books are quite satisfactory, excepting, perhaps, the arithmetics. By an act of the committee last August, the old history was changed for something more attractive, which has given almost universal satisfaction. We feel that our teachers' desks are hardly as well supplied with books of reference as they ought to be, but since the law went into effect requiring towns to furnish text books and supplies, the demand upon us has been almost surprising. We feel the free text book system discourages habits of neatness, when scholars are given soiled and half-worn books, and besides, when scholars owned the books they were at home for study during vacation, but now they cannot be taken home vacations, as it would require a detective of no small calibre to again restore them.

Two hundred dollars was appropriated last year for repairs, which was soon expended in making the repairs we thought needed. The School buildings are most of them in very good repair, though some things need to be done in all. The house in No. 3 was reseated the past year, taking a large share of our appropriation and making one of the most pleasant rooms in town. An appropriation was made at the last August meeting to provide a new furnace for School building No. 1, which was purchased and put in. A storm door has also been added to this building. Some small repairs were necessary in No. 2, and No. 9 was put in a more attractive condition inside, last spring. The new bell has been purchased for No. 4, and placed in position. This building needs a coat of paint badly,

and will without doubt be attended to the coming season. The building the West side of the river below Stephen G. Wildes' formerly known as District No. 13, has recently been sold by your committee, after being on our hands some two years, for \$125.

We have presented in connection with this report, a summary of statistics in relation to our schools the past year, to which we call your careful attention, as much knowledge concerning our school work is embodied in them. Again we call attention to the fact that our schools in the centre might be much improved by establishing another school; a necessity seemingly exists for a change in the arrangement. There ought to be in justice to our older scholars and all children who attend these schools, a graded school of three departments, viz: primary, intermediate and grammar.

In conclusion we would recommend there be appropriated the ensuing year for schools, \$2,200; for repairs on school buildings, \$200; for books and supplies, \$300; for a conveyance fund to be used at the committee's discretion, \$100.

WARREN J. WRIGHT,	}	School Committee.
HERBERT C. PARSONS,		
LEONARD R. SMITH,		

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Number of volumes in library last report,		2864
“ “ Purchased,		20
“ “ Presented,		40
“ “ Omitted in Catalogue,		9
	Total,	<hr/> 2933
“ “ Lost,	1	
“ “ Exchanged,	14	15
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	Remaining in library,	2918

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

		Dr.
To cash on hand last report,		\$1 43
Appropriation for new books,		100 00
“ “ Librarian and Incidentals,		75 00
Fines received,		8 96
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		\$185 39
1887	Cr.	
April 10.	By paid express on new books,	80
12.	“ for paper,	4 27
20.	“ “ new books,	70 00
24.	“ “ new books,	10 00
24.	“ postage and money order,	11
Aug. 25.-	“ express,	25
Oct. 28.	“ “	25
29.	“ “	25
Nov. 18.	“ for rebinding books,	5 20
1888.		
Mar. 21.	“ for new books,	5 00
31.	“ “ Incidentals,	1 38
Apr. 9.	Cash in hands of committee,	87 88
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		\$185 39

The number of volumes circulated the past year, was 4200, and the number of families taking books 162. Owing to the number of transient families who have taken catalogues and availed themselves of the privileges of the library, the number of catalogues has become exhausted. Your committee would recommend the appropriation of a sum sufficient to re-catalogue, this summer. They would also recommend that the Northfield Farms library be made a branch of the village library, so that it may take books, subject to such arrangements as may be agreed upon by the committees. This could be done with no injury to the library, and would enable the Farms' people to receive benefits that distance now prevents. In purchasing books the past year, your committee used the appropriation for new books, in changing the old American Encyclopedias for new ones, at a cost of \$70.00, and buying the Cyclopedia of American Biography, six volumes, \$30.00. Three volumes of this last yet remain to be published. These books have been taken from the library very much of the time, notwithstanding they are not catalogued. The importance of a reading room connected with the library needs no further suggestion from your committee.

R. C. WARD,	}	Library Committee.
W. J. WRIGHT,		
CHAS. C. DUNCAN,		

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned having been chosen by the town at its last annual meeting as auditors to examine and pass upon all accounts against the town and having performed that duty respectfully submit the following report :

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Geo. J. Bacon,	\$153 55
Stephen G. Wildes,	140 00
Clinton A. Ware,	103 25
	—————396 80

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S BILLS.

W. J. Wright,	65 75
H. C. Parsons,	73 11
L. R. Smith,	21 50
	—————\$160 36

AUDITORS' BILLS.

L. T. Webster,	2 00
H. C. Parsons,	2 00
	—————\$4 00

BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Selectmen,	\$396 80
School committee,	160 36
Auditors,	4 00
	—————\$561 16

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. T. WEBSTER, }
H. C. PARSONS, } Auditors.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

P. W. Preston, post and railings, old bill, '86,	\$3 75
James Cowles, use of cart in '85,	4 50
Frank Woods, plank for bridges,	17 28
Isaac Mattoon,	13 50
F. W. Piper and others,	22 28
F. V. Doolittle, stone for culvert,	8 00
H. E. Wells,	41 40
Thomas Quinlin,	30 00
Elisha Smith and others,	13 42
Simon Fisher,	17 25
Edwin Lyman and others,	78 70
Sumner L. Gates,	24 00
Lyman Gilbert,	37 50
Amos Whitaker,	12 20
A. A. Long,	74 70
James Wall,	44 00
C. Pomeroy,	28 00
H. W. Webster,	31 50
Clifford Holton,	38 65
Willard Stoddard,	20 25
Fred L. Davis,	22 00
James Campbell,	24 95
Jerry Campbell,	24 40
Elias Lyman,	6 00
Henry Wright,	9 00
O. S. Mattoon,	8 70
Russell Long,	2 00
Joseph Lyman,	1 20
Henry Day,	2 50
Henry Stebbins,	1 50
Ansel Collier, plank,	16 00
John Dale,	4 65
John Dalton,	6 45
Andrew Hale,	2 75
Geo. R. Stebbins,	27
Jerry Twine,	3 00
James Greenwood,	3 00

S. G. Pratt,	1 00
H. F. Field,	3 00
Larkin Fisher,	13 50
L. Hammond,	3 00
M. C. Miller,	3 97
W. Mann,	4 65
L. Thornton,	75
S. Stickney,	6 15
Thos. Metcalf,	3 00
Geo. Browning,	7 50
H. W. Montague,	48 42
Picket Bros.,	16 50
Wm. Burroughs,	19 50
D. O'Keefe,	3 75
J. H. Robbins,	8 85
Joseph Clark,	8 85
Chas. Keett,	2 25
H. Johnson,	10 15
John Crelan,	9 00
Michael Pigot,	3 50
Orlando Davis,	4 35
Wm. Reed,	2 25
Morris Joyce,	17 90
Frank Whithead,	7 35
John Murphy,	5 40
Wright Arling,	8 25
A. W. Shepardson,	2 00
Peter Dyer,	1 95
Rodney Wilson,	2 00
Chas. Britton,	7 80
F. A. Smith,	5 00
L. Stimpson,	45
H. J. Evens,	1 50
J. P. Aldrich,	5 00
Geo. A. Gunn, plank and timber,	46 72
A. Dickinson, " " "	43 59
Thomas Quinlin,	18 00
E. J. Blanchard,	3 00
Geo. A. Long,	6 10

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NEW ROAD.

Paid Rugg & Mason,	\$1,884 00
Land damage,	919 00
Stone posts,	1 00
H. Mason,	9 54
Lyman Barton,	18 00
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	\$2,831 54

REPAIRS FROM FRESHETS.

A. A. Long,	Pine Meadow bridge,	\$67 25
A. A. Long,		24 00
Henry Day,	“ “ “	37 75
M. C. Miller,	“ “ “	25 65
S. Stickney,		2 40
Thos. Metcalf,	“ “ “	3 60
H. W. Montague,	“ “ “	12 00
L. C. Miller,	“ “ “	17 60
Wm. H. Stratton,	timber, Pine Meadow bridge,	19 12
E. C. Nash,	“ “ “	8 30
Alfred Lyman,	“ “ “	8 00
Chas. Moulton,	“ “ “	34 87
Allen Brothers,	“ “ “	1 25
Frank Woods and others,		91 04
Isaac Mattoon, and others,		70 11
F. V. Doolittle, stone and work,		57 75
H. E. Wells,		30 80
E. Smith, and others,		39 34
Edwin Lyman, and others,		12 30
L. Gilbert,		10 80
Amos Whitaker,		52 70
H. F. Field,		1 50
Wm. Burroughs,		16 88
J. H. Robbins,		18 90
Chas. Keett,		6 55
Frank Holton,		50
Alex Holton,		5 95
R. Stratton,		1 12
Henry Ward,		1 50
M. Moore,		2 00
G. Collier,		75

Clifford Holton,	41	07
F. W. Piper and others,	48	10
L. Fowler,	2	00
C. Pomeroy,	46	90
John Dale,	{	2 30
	{	17 23
James Wall,	42	57
James Campbell,	12	45
Jerry Campbell,	7	50
Morris Joyce,	{	75
	{	7 35
Wright Arling,	14	85
Geo. A. Stevens,	4	05
Austin Stevens,	3	00
Geo. A. Gunn, plank and timber,	25	65
James Cowles,	10	00
John Canfield,	5	55
Fred Simons,	1	50
A. R. Lyman,	12	25
Chas. Banks, plank,	5	58
Jerry Twine,	3	00
A. J. Arling,	6	50
Mrs. Simeon Lyman, timber,	1	50
John Grace,	16	20
S. G. Wildes,	11	30
Larkin Fisher,	5	25

AMOUNT PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR.

H. B. Allen family,	\$17 85
Mrs. Stephen Reagan, family,	71 82
Mrs. Electia Stratton,	56 20
Mrs. John Cutting,	91 00
Mrs. Mary Cook,	84 57
Coleman C. Smith,	224 95
Mary Pierson,	218 75
Kate Hanwell,	218 75
Martha Watson,	67 86
Charles Lord,	78 15
Williard Bancroft,	16 00
Mrs. Sally Elmer,	52 14
Alva Kemplin, family and burial expenses,	92 29
Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe,	59 00
Mrs. Albert Whitaker,	29 50
Mrs. Amy Marsh,	91 32
Mrs. Lucretia Sawyer,	110 40
Mrs. Jerusha Doolittle,	110 40
James Reed,	87 75
John Welch, family,	28 75
Henry Wright, care of poor,	42 85
	<hr/> \$1850 30

Aid to Mary P. and Fannie Mattoon,	\$310 62
Credit by cash from Clinton,	133 09

Due from town of Clinton, 177 53

Aid for Isaac Appleton, sickness and burial, 21 60

P. S. Friends of Isaac Appleton will pay his bill.

GEO. J. BACON,	} Overseers of Poor.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. WARE,	

CONTINGENT.

Henry Wright, 2d, care town hall,	24 00
“ “ “ driving hearse,	34 00
“ “ “ care town clock,	15 00
“ “ “ work in cemetery,	11 00
“ “ “ burial permits,	5 25
A. S. Stratton, work in cemetery,	11 00
Committee expenses on Millers river bridge,	6 25
L. T. and C. H. Webster, bill,	22 76
Elias Lyman, Town clerk and treasurer,	115 06
“ “ Sundry cash items,	22 70
Clifford Holton, repairs on cemetery,	11 83
Myron Marvin, painting fence,	12 87
J. Cummings, painting fence,	87 20
Fred Morgan, repairs in cemetery,	12 60
L. Stimpson, “ “	2 50
H. C. Holton, “ “	1 50
C. A. Ware, sundry cash payments,	1 87
S. G. Wildes, “ “ “	9 62
G. J. Bacon, “ “ “	22 25
G. J. Bacon, services as selectman,	12 50
S. G. Wildes, “ “	12 50
C. A. Ware, “ “	7 50
Town Gill, ½ Morgan ferry, 86-87,	49 12
E. J. Blanchard, water,	3 00
H. B. Parker, “	2 00
H. W. Webster, “	5 00
L. & G. Purple, “	1 50
H. J. Sargent, “	3 00
S. Field, estate, “	5 00
Wright Stratton, abatement taxes, '85,	45 42
Wright Stratton, discount on taxes,	255 70
Wright Stratton, Town officer,	72 68
Wright Stratton, services as collector,	57 45
Wright Stratton, abatement, taxes, '86,	91 14
Chas. Pomeroy, error in tax,	4 32
Dudley Johnson, abatement tax,	3 45
Chas. Pomeroy, “ “	3 95
Mrs. Geo. Field, error in tax,	2 40

Waldo Woodard, error in tax '85,	1 44
Creamery, " "	18 65
A. B. Lyman, " " '86,	2 00
Chas. Pomeroy, services as Justice of Peace, '86,	9 66
H. Mason, repairs, scraper and cemetery,	4 10
S. Weatherhead, " "	3 25
Osro Doolittle, mowing cemetery,	2 00
Sumner Collier, repairs, "	2 00
A. R. Lyman, services as register,	6 25
E. Lyman,	7 50
C. H. Robbins,	7 50
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing and stationery,	35 00
E. A. Hall, advertising,	1 50
Elias Lyman, error in town order,	36
Ct. R. R., toll,	3 42
Lyman Brothers, town supplies,	3 33
James T. Cummings, expenses by Board of Health,	24 00
James Putman, wood, Town hall,	10 00
Congregational society, abatement tax,	2 40
Chas. Pomeroy, Justice of Peace for '87	12 10
Rodney Wilson, as constable in 1884,	6 00
Joseph Clark, error in tax,	60
Albert D. Stearns, water trough,	7 00
P. W. Preston, breaking plow,	8 00
Decoration day,	50 00
Library,	175 00
Parsons & Stearns, goods,	3 09
Elisha Alexander, work on scraper,	35
James T. Cummings, " " town clock,	8 75
Slate & Dewolf, goods,	4 50
Wright Stratton, taking census,	5 00
W. W. Pierce, tramps,	15 00
Martin Dickinson "	15 90

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Selectmen in account with the Town of Northfield.

	Dr.
To orders drawn since Feb. 15, 1887,	\$13,508 62
	Cr.
By Paid Town officers,	\$401 36
Schools,	3569 91
Contingent,	1523 04
Poor,	1850 30
Mrs. Mattoon, for Clinton,	310 62
Appleton,	16 00
Roads and bridge,	1074 15
Freshets,	1036 48
Snow bills,	895 22
New road,	2831 54
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	\$13,508 62

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

April 1st, 1888.

Due from collector tax of 1886,	\$30 00
From collector tax of 1887,	978 10
From bank,	312 00
Interest on surplus revenue,	60 00
From town of Clinton,	177 53
From Appleton friend,	16 00
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	\$1573 63

DUE AS PER AUDITORS' REPORT.

Geo. J. Bacon, Selectman,	\$153 55
S. G. Wildes, “	140 00
C. A. Ware, “	103 25

W. J. Wright, school committee,	65 75
H. C. Parsons, " "	73 11
L. R. Smith, " "	21 50
L. T. Webster, auditor,	2 00
H. C. Parsons, "	2 00
Henry Wright, note,	1200 00
Greenfield Savings bank,	3400 00
Outstanding orders,	737 78
Interest on above notes, (about,)	70 00
Amount due the treasurer,	8 41
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	\$5977 35
Balance against the town,	\$4403 72

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
S. G. WILDES, } of
C. A. WARE, } Northfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR ON THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank January 1st, 1888, \$1105 53

Drawn from the bank and paid as follows, viz :

Widow Abbie Barrett,	5 00
Miss Emma Hilliard,	5 00
Widow Kittie Howard,	10 00
" Reagan,	5 00
" Ellen O'Keefe,	5 00
" Stevens,	5 00
Amount in hands of overseers,	6 62
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	\$41 62
Amount in bank,	\$1065 53

GEO. J. BACON, } Overseers
S. G. WILDES, } of
C. A. WARE, } Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
AND ASSESSORS
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
Library Committee and Town Treasurer,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 7, 1889.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:

PRINTED BY CECIL T. BAGNALL, PROPRIETOR OF REPORTER.
1889.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

Your Selectmen, in presenting you with the annual Report of the past year, congratulate you upon the favorable condition of the finances of the Town. The debt of the Town has been reduced, as you will find in the financial report on the condition of the town.

We have paid one quarter of the expenses of the new iron bridge at the mouth of Millers River. We exceeded our appropriations, but we have an iron instead of a wooden bridge by so doing. You will also see that we have been called upon by the County Commissioners, on a petition of Pickett Bros. and R. K. Caldwell, to cut down and grade on the hills known as Mallery and Picketts. The work is still unfinished, and will need a further outlay of money if graded to the specifications of the Commissioners.

The highways and bridges are in fair condition. We have not expended this year as much as was appropriated for the same. There are two bridges on the Warwick road that the stone work will have to be laid over in part, and the bridge on Trowbridge road will have to be new timbered and planked. We have expended about seventy five dollars in putting gravel on to the Depot Hill, and would recommend an appropriation of \$200 to put gravel on to Main Street. From our observation we believe that the Town should own its teams to work its roads, as by so doing it would save quite a sum and could have them when wanted, while at the present time they have to pay at the rate of \$4.00 a day. We would also suggest the buying of a new Champion Scraper for \$200. Our present scraper is so constructed that it cannot be worked only on one side, while on the new one we can use either side, and can also do all the leveling, thereby saving quite a cost. Other towns are using the new scraper to quite a saving in the care of its roads.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

The amount for the support of the poor is unusually large, but we have a large number in all, taking those that have to be aided. We have four in the Lunatic Hospital; Mary Pierson, Kate Hanwell, C. C. Smith and Fred Nye, although the guardian of Fred Nye has paid all of his expenses. Price per week \$3.25. We have Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe, Mrs. Electia Streeter whom we pay \$1.00 per week, Mrs. John Cutting and three children at \$6.00 per month, Chas. Lord at \$1.50 per week, Mrs. Sally Elmer at \$1.00 per week, Jerusha Doolittle, Amy Marsh and Lucretia Sawyer at \$2.25 per week, Abraham Richards and wife \$1.25 per week each, (two last have state aid) Mrs. Fanny Murdock at \$5.00 per week. We have also aided temporarily, Fred Whitney and wife and five children, Dwight Cook, wife and two children and three children of Archibald Watson.

We would recommend for your consideration, the article in our warrant for the Grand Army Post, to take care of the soldiers' wives and children who are in want. We would also recommend a person to be chosen to see to the poor of the town, who would make it his especial business to attend to the poor, as it cannot be expected that a person not knowing what the laws are can have such success as one who does.

TOWN WARRANT.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, Auditors, School Committee, Assessors and Library Committee, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to License the sale of intoxicating liquors for one year from May 1, 1889, vote to be "Yes" or "No."

Art. 6. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Jury List.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote fifty (\$50) dollars for Decoration Day.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will authorize Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see how the Town will care for its Bridges and Highways.

Art. 10. To raise such sums of money for the Library or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will pay a discount on taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise one hundred (\$100) dollars to catalogue the Library the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will make arrangements with the Grand Army Post for the support of the needy soldiers, their wives and children.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise two hundred (\$200) dollars to gravel Main Street.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise money sufficient to buy a new furnace for Town Hall.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will act on claim of Charles L. Banks in regard to personal tax of 1887.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will buy a New Champion Road Scraper.

ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1888.

Value of Real Estate,	\$649,580 00	<u>1889</u>
“ “ Personal Property,	93,023 00	657.063
Total valuation, May 1, 1888,	\$742,603 00	107.647
No. of acres of land assessed,	19,616 00	
“ Dwelling Houses,	376 00	
“ Cows,	679 00	
“ Sheep,	445 00	
“ Polls,	425 00	

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1888.

Appropriated for Schools,	\$2200 00	
“ “ Highways,	1800 00	
“ “ Contingent,	2000 00	
“ “ Debt and Interest,	800 00	
“ “ Library,	175 00	
“ “ School Supplies,	300 00	
“ “ “ Repairs,	200 00	
“ “ Carrying Scholars,	100 00	
“ “ Millers River Bridge,	500 00	
“ “ Memorial Day,	50 00	
“ “ County Tax,	1173 02	
“ “ State “	900 00	
Overlays,	293 34	
Total raised by Tax,	<hr/> \$10,491 36	
On Polls,	\$ 850 00	
On Real and Personal Property,	9641 36	
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	\$10,491 36	

Rate on \$1000,	\$13 00
“ Polls,	2 00

GEO. J. BACON,	}	Assessors of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,		
C. A. MOULTON,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.**ELIAS LYMAN IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.**

	DR.
To Corporation tax,	\$103 08
“ Tuition,	2 00
“ Tax, 1887,	323 07
“ “ “	203 38
“ Loan at Bank,	1200 00
“ Isaac Appleton's account,	16 00
“ Tax, 1887,	111 06
“ Town Clinton,	189 17
“ Hall at Farms,	4 00
“ Loan at Bank,	1200 00
“ Tax, 1887,	193 11
“ “ “	35 00
“ “ 1888,	514 24
“ Mary Pierson's account,	43 97
“ Tax, '86,	30 00
“ “ '87,	55 16
“ “ '88,	4705 94
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	\$8929 18

CR.

By balance due at settlement,	\$8 41
“ paid Selectmen's orders,	6334 21
“ Military aid,	20 00
“ State “	20 00
“ Ellen O'Keefe,	23 00
“ Services Clerk,	22 50
“ W. J. Wright,	2501 06
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	\$8929 18

W. J. WRIGHT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

	DR.	CR.
To cash from E. Lyman's estate,	\$2501 06	
“ “ “ “ “		
Account license of dogs,	142 80	
“ Rent of hall and sale of ashes at Farms,	13 50	
By paid Selectmen's orders,		5349 93
To cash, Savings bank account,		
Millers river bridge,	314 31	
“ Bank loan,	984 83	
“ Auctioneer's license,	2 00	
“ Tax, 1888,	1782 90	
“ “ “	254 63	
“ “ “	627 41	
“ “ “	300 62	
“ “ “	531 40	
By paid County tax,		1173 02
To cash corporation tax,	1177 87	
“ National Bank tax,	288 11	
“ State aid,	27 00	
“ “ “	48 00	
By paid “ tax,		900 00
“ “ “ aid,		40 00
To cash from Edgar Whitney's account,		
Fred Whitney,	19 00	
“ Revenue school fund,	131 43	
“ Income Mass. school fund	207 87	
“ Tuition (Erving)	7 50	
“ Mary Pierson's account,	40 00	
By paid County Treas. account, dog license,		142 80
To cash license billiard table,	2 00	
“ Rent of Town hall,	23 00	
“ C. A. Ware's accounts Fred Nye,	97 49	
By balance,		1918 98
	<hr/> \$9524 73	<hr/> \$9524 73

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The work of the schools for the year now closing has been attended with general success, but your committee is pained to confess that disappointment has sometimes met their earnest efforts to maintain uniformly efficient schools.

The Center Grammar school which was being taught in a highly creditable manner, and promising to fulfil the expectations of the parents, was interrupted during the fall term by the teacher's illness, and though a competent teacher was secured for a substitute, the term's results were less valuable than could be wished. The winter term suffered a similar misfortune, but the year closed with several weeks of excellent work under the charge of an exceptionally qualified gentleman. This school has shown a tendency to disorderly conduct, so persistent and annoying as to seriously tax its teachers, and of course interfere with the required work. It is not a fresh developement, and our experience and observation regarding it convinces us that the school needs the services of a male teacher who can meet the troublesome disposition of some of its scholars without demanding so much of his time and energy as to lessen the effectiveness of his instruction. These scholars invert the demands of common propriety and pay the lesser respect to the gentler sex; or are impelled perhaps by special admiration of brawn as a superior force to brain, at least in school administration. We recommend that a male teacher be employed, who shall combine both requisites, even at an additional cost. In the West Northfield school (No. 7) the year's work, notably prosperous at the start, has had one term approaching failure, while during the winter term the well directed and ambitious efforts of a faithful teacher have not met the success they deserve.

While there have been developments of insubordination in other schools, and parents in several cases have not been lacking in the enterprise needed to support the child in mischief regardless of the school success, we feel that, aside from the unpleasant features noted, we can point to a series of fruitful terms under teachers well adapted to their work, and fired with the enthusiasm that commands results.

With the completion of the present term the grammar school

will have had 31 weeks, school No. 7, 31 weeks; the primary and Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 9, the full number, 33 each, Nos. 5 and 6, 28 weeks each. This is in accordance with the design of the committee to lengthen the school year by two weeks; the mountain schools have had two and three weeks more than in the preceding year.

We have guarded against needless changes in teachers as far as possible, in furtherance of the principle of a long tenure which we have commended in previous reports.

One topic which has previously found a place in our reports is of perennial growth and blooms again this year; we refer to the relations of parents to the schools. It is unaccountable that the chief hindrance in repeated cases to successful discipline is the hot and inconsiderate interference of parents, while immeasurably better success would attend every branch of the work if this should be replaced by an interested support. We recommend to the parents that for the ensuing year they appropriate a part of their time and a liberal allowance of goodwill to seeing how the scholars would run if they were all helpers in the needed work. Let not the schools be hampered by ill-advised interference; while for all well-grounded complaints your Committee will hold itself ready to give consideration and remedy.

The term not having closed, we can not give the usual statistics of attendance. We note that attendance at school has shown an improvement; but the conditions are not so changed as to lessen the need of vigorous attention to the subject by the committee, teachers and parents.

It is our intention to accomplish needed changes in text books, our constant study being to obtain the best, without excessive expenditure in any one year. A change to a more modern edition of Geography is being made gradually on favorable terms of exchange; a more practical book-keeping (Meservey's) has taken the place of the one used and a fresh impetus to this useful branch given; and a system of more varied sets of readers to be rotated among the schools with a view to avoiding the familiarity of scholars with their text books is held in favorable consideration.

During the year we have prepared with great care and thoughtful comparison of the works of our best schools, a course of study. It is designed primarily for the better grading of our Centre schools, which are the only ones where distinct grades

are practicable; but it is equally intended to be the groundwork of instruction in all the schools and to direct teachers as to what is required to be taught. Teachers will act in accordance with this and are expected to give to scholars of proper age, instruction in all the branches named and to the points designated. This will serve the desirable object of removing the selection of studies from the caprice of the child and give it to the teachers and committee who hold themselves bound to provide teaching and require learning in the useful branches which comprise the list of branches published. One feature of this course is a system of more general study in the history of our country by the topical methods and in the principles of its government, which it is not less than essential that every boy and girl should receive ere they leave school; this feature is practicable in every school in our town. We need to bear in mind that the greater number of our scholars receive no higher education than that of our town schools and to base our work on the responsibility of preparing them for life. Much attention is now paid to instruction in physiology and the baneful effects of stimulants and narcotics on the system and we favor the further introduction of charts with which this moral as well as intellectual work may be more effectively carried on.

In repairs there has been a needed improvement in the furniture of the Grammar school room, a refinishing to remove the artistic adornment of the jack knife and the ordinary wear and tear. We have adopted strict rules in regard to the care of these desks and to the scholars' credit be it said that they regard with pride their better appearance and with abhorrence even the slight scratch which may come to deface them. No. 4 school house is newly painted, a new front door further adding to its good appearance. No. 5 is improved in appearance by fresh paper and No. 6 boasts a newly shingled roof. No. 7 has received considerable expenditure but a thorough renovation and improvement is needed; the citizens of that section are inclined to regard a new building as the sort of repairs needed. In No. 9 there is need of a coat of paint and a new stove, both of which the Committee will favor giving it during the year. All the buildings have received incidental repairs.

The great need of our schools for the effectiveness of their work is as thorough a uniformity of instruction as possible and

we warmly cherish the hope that the provision of a higher grade of schools will soon commend itself to the town as the means of giving a fuller preparation for the demands of citizenship, of a respectable and useful life upon every man and woman. Our town, let it be repeated, is not up to the average of others of its size and character and we will urge anew that no substitute can be made for a thorough, well ordered and advanced public school system. Northfield with its ample resources, absence of debt, and boasting with good reason a high average of intelligence, is not at this time furnishing such a system and we believe a long step forward will be made when the thorough grade is accomplished. The room stands ready for the higher grade; the scholars who need it are crowding the work of all the schools, being educated at large private expense in schools which do not furnish the broad and unsectarian education that the public school can only give, or worst of all, leaving our schools, whose work they have been over, with insufficient learning for success and happiness in life.

We recommend the appropriation of \$2,350 for general purposes, an increase of \$150, in order to secure a male teacher for the grammar school; \$250 for repairs of school-houses; \$300 for books and supplies; \$100 for carrying scholars.

In any criticism of the lack of parents' interest, we need to make exceptions, and in general comment on the disorderly conduct of any school, we must note that we have found in all the schools an element of interested, conscientious and persevering scholars. To such parents we return our thanks for their appreciative aid, and to such scholars our word of approval.

HERBERT C. PARSONS,	}	Committee.
LEONARD R. SMITH,		
WARREN J. WRIGHT,		

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

Expenditures, 1888-'89.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

School No. 1.

Maurice Joyce, cleaning,	\$5 50	
Maurice Joyce, drawing coal,	3 00	
Will A. Long, care of house,	7 50	
O. S. Davis, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords slabs,	6 25	
Thomas Quinlan, drawing coal,	4 55	
Will A. Long, sawing wood,	2 75	
Charlie W. Slate, care of house,	10 25	
A. N. Hull, coal,	64 40	
Rufus Holton, coal,	25 67	
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	2 50	
Mary D. Clark, teaching,	168 30	
Emma Rhoad, teaching,	178 50	
Frances Shepard, teaching,	10 00	
Tillie Ulrich, teaching,	39 00	
	<hr/>	\$528 17

School No. 2.

Thomas Quinlan, wood,	\$19 93	
Supplies,	35	
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching,	157 50	
	<hr/>	\$177 78

School No. 3.

Merrill T. Moore, cleaning,	\$4 50	
Merrill T. Moore, wood,	1 50	
Eddie Cosgrove, care of house,	2 50	
Burton Ware, care of house,	2 75	
J. L. Hammond, wood,	13 25	
Charles Briggs, sawing wood,	2 00	
Broom,	25	
Belle Eastman, teaching,	75 00	
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching,	82 50	
	<hr/>	\$184 25

School No. 4.

J. L. Hammond, wood,	20 56	
J. D. Smith, sawing wood,	7 50	
Callie M. Barrett, care of house,	2 50	
Nellie Dyer, care of house,	2 75	
Irene Mattoon, teaching,	157 50	
	<hr/>	\$190 81

School No. 5.

Merrill T. Moore, cleaning,	\$ 2 00	
W. W. Merriman, wood,	9 00	
Sundry supplies,	25	
Effie Bowker, teaching and care of house,	190 40	
	<hr/>	\$201 65

School No. 6.

Merrill T. Moore, cleaning,	\$ 4 00	
“ “ wood,	2 00	
Bertha Murdock, care of house,	2 25	
Clarence A. Smith, sawing wood,	1 50	
Otis T. Greenleaf, wood,	2 00	
Lizzie Kelley, teaching,	183 20	
	<hr/>	\$194 95

School No. 7.

J. P. Aldrich, wood,	\$ 15 00	
Sundry supplies,	18	
Ola Doolittle, care of house,	2 50	
Emma Hobart, teaching,	67 50	
Josie Lincoln, “	82 50	
	<hr/>	\$167 68

School No. 9.

Merrill T. Moore, cleaning,	\$ 4 50	
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	1 10	
Charlie Hart, care of house,	2 50	
F. V. Doolittle, wood,	2 75	
Walter Mack, sawing wood,	2 06	
Geo. A. Stearns, wood,	11 00	
Dr. R. C. Ward, professional services,	1 25	
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching,	75 00	
Jennie S. Pierce, teach'g and care of house,	85 25	
	<hr/>	\$185 41

Total,

\$1830 70

OUTSTANDING AND ESTIMATED TO COMPLETE THE YEAR.

School No. 1.

Care of house,	\$ 18 00	
Cleaning,	1 50	
Fuel account,	1 00	
Sundry supplies,	65	
Teaching,	186 00	
	<hr/>	\$207 15

School No. 2.

Cleaning, etc.	\$4 50	
Care of house,	8 75	
Teaching,	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$109 25

School No. 3.

Care of house,	\$3 00	
Teaching,	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$93 00

School No. 4.

Cleaning,	\$1 50	
Care of house,	6 00	
Teaching,	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$97 50

School No. 7.

Cleaning,	\$2 50	
Care of house,	2 75	
Teaching,	82 50	
	<hr/>	\$87 75

School No. 9.

Care of house,	4 80	
Teaching,	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$94 80

Total outstanding, \$689 45

Total general expenses for the year, \$2520 15

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SUMMARY.

School Weeks.	Teaching.	Care of House.	Fuel.	Cleaning.	Sundries.	Totals.
1 64	581 80	35 75	107 62	7 00	3 15	735 32
2 33	253 50	8 75	19 93	4 50	35	287 03
3 33	247 50	8 25	16 75	4 50	25	277 25
4 33	247 50	11 25	28 06	1 50		288 31
5 28	182 00	8 40	9 00	2 00	25	201 65
6 28	182 00	3 45	5 50	4 00		194 95
7 31	232 50	5 25	15 00	2 50	18	255 43
9 33	247 50	10 05	15 81	4 50	2 35	280 21
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283	\$2174 30	\$91 15	\$217 67	\$30 50	\$6 53	\$2520 15

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

EXPENDED.

School House No. 1.

Parsons & Stearns, hardware and paint,	\$14 86	
F. G. Stearns, work and supplies,	10 39	
F. A. Stevens, work on desks,	17 25	
R. C. Fisher & Son, repairs of roof,	3 30	
Fred H. Turner, painting,	13 75	
	<hr/>	\$59 55

School House No. 2.

C. H. Piper, painting,	\$6 00	
Parsons & Stearns, paint and kalsomine,	4 39	
A. E. Lyman, pipe,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$11 39

School House No. 3.

Merrill T. Moore, labor,	\$1 00	
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	3 26	
F. G. Stearns, labor,	2 25	
R. C. Fisher & Son, repairs of roof,	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$12 76

School House No. 4.

Washburn & Eddy, door,	\$ 4 00	
Parsons & Stearns, paint,	26 81	
F. W. Piper, painting,	42 00	
A. E. Lyman, eave pipe,	1 80	
	<hr/>	\$74 61

School House No. 5.

M. T. Moore, curtains, \$2.40, labor, \$2.60,	\$5 00	
Chauncey Reed, plastering,	2 25	
John Vorce, papering,	2 25	
Parsons & Stearns, wall paper, &c.,	2 43	
F. G. Stearns, labor,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 93

School House No. 6.

M. T. Moore, repairs,	50	
W. M. Moore, shingling,	\$24 76	
	<hr/>	\$25 26

School House No. 7.

W. M. Moore, lumber,	\$16 12	
Frank Aldrich, labor,	16 50	
	<hr/>	\$32 62

School House No. 9.

M. T. Moore, labor,	\$2 00	\$2 00
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		\$231 12

OUTSTANDING.

For School No. 1,	\$4 85	
“ “ 4,	2 25	
“ “ 7,	5 51	
	<hr/>	\$12 61

Total repairs for the year,	<hr/>	\$243 73
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SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

EXPENDED.

William Ware & Co., books,	\$75	20	
Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	61	64	
Cowperthwait & Co., books,	16	25	
Harper & Brothers, “	8	26	
B. A. Fowler & Co., anatomical chart,	30	00	
A. M. Edwards & Co., language “	5	00	
Winkley, Dresser & Co., pencils, &c.,	5	06	
E. A. Hall & Co., printing,	10	00	
Hildreth & Fales, “	3	10	
Freight,	1	79	
Sundry purchases,		63	
		<hr/>	\$216 93

OUTSTANDING.

School book accounts unpaid,	\$70	93	
H. C. Parsons, freight, express, &c.,	12	40	
		<hr/>	\$83 33
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			\$300 26
CR. Due from H. C. Parsons, sales of school books,			\$10 17
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Cost of school books for the year,			\$290 09

CONVEYANCE OF SCHOLARS.

EXPENDED.

Sarah J. Atwood, carrying scholars to school No. 6,	\$16	00	
Sarah J. Atwood, carrying scholars to school No. 6,	24	00	
Sarah J. Atwood, carrying scholars to school No. 6,	14	00	
		<hr/>	\$54 00

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES, 1888-'89.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,—	
In general,	\$2,200 00
For repairs,	200 00
Books and supplies,	300 00
Carrying scholars,	100 00
Dog fund,	98 65
School fund,	339 30
Tuition,	7 50
Sale of ashes,	1 50
	<hr/> \$3,246 95

EXPENSES.

(Including outstanding to complete the year.)

Support of schools,	\$2520 15
For repairs,	240 53
School books and supplies,	290 09
Carrying scholars,	54 00
	<hr/> \$3,104 77
Receipts in excess of the year's expenses,	142 18

NOTE. There has been expended for insurance of school houses during the year \$59.88 as follows:—

C. H. Webster, German American Co., school house No. 4,	\$20 25
C. H. Webster, German American Co., school No. 2,	13 13
Chas. Pomeroy, "Home Co.," school house No. 7,	11 50
Chas. Pomeroy, "Home Co.," school house No. 9,	15 00
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A portion of this is included under the selectmen's orders "for schools." But as it can not be expended under any of the school appropriations, it should be charged to town's contingent account, or a special appropriation made.

HERBERT C. PARSONS,	}	Committee.
LEONARD R. SMITH,		
WARREN J. WRIGHT,		

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Number of volumes in Library last report,	2918
“ “ “ purchased,	87
“ “ “ presented,	11
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Total,	30 16
Number of families patrons of Library,	178
“ “ volumes circulated,	3412
Total amount for fines,	\$6 79
Paid by Librarian for incidentals,	1 98
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Balance,	\$4 81
Uncollected fines,	\$0 12

The Library Committee would be pleased to have all patrons of the Library present to them a list of books they would like added to the Library. These lists will be considered and as many will be purchased as can be in justice to all. The absence of such lists should antagonize all criticism of books purchased by the Committee.

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

	DR.
To cash on hand last report,	\$87 88
“ appropriation for new books,	100 00
“ fines received,	4 81
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	\$192 69

1888.				CR.
April 11,	by paid	H. A. Holton, Librarian, 1887-8,		\$60 00
May 5,	" "	H. C. Nash, (manager) new book,		5 00
July 2,	" "	Houghton, Mifflin & Co. " "		27 50
Sept. 5,	" "	" " " " " "		5 50
" "	" "	DeWolf, Fisk & Co. " " "		65 18
" 18,	" "	Sellick & Davis, suppl. catal.		8 40
Nov. 9,	" "	H. C. Nash (manager) new book,		5 00
1889.				
Feb. 9.	" "	R. C. Ward, expenses for Library		
		as per bill,		6 54
" "	" "	Cash in hands of Committee,		9 57
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				\$192 69

R. C. WARD, } Library
W. J. WRIGHT, } Committee.

EXPENSES FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES FOR
1888.

S. W. Weatherhead, labor,	\$ 5 05
Alvin A. Long, "	80
James Campbell, "	2 75
Clarence Moody, "	2 25
Lyman Doolittle, "	14 40
F. V. Doolittle, "	30 55
F. V. Doolittle, plank,	16 00
Edwin Lyman, labor,	90
Frank V. Woods and others, labor,	290 31
Fred W. Ruggles, labor,	5 40
C. A. Moulton, railings and posts,	67 65
M. C. Miller, labor,	60
L. C. Miller, "	45
A. Reed, "	3 00
Geo. B. Kenny, "	15 45
Winson Morgan, "	5 25
Thos. Reed, "	1 35
H. Simons, "	9 75
Ralph Simons, "	2 85
James Allen, "	3 75
J. Merriam, "	2 25
Chas. Gilbert, "	5 03
Fred Hilliard, "	9 15
Walter Mann, "	8 78
Thos. Metcalf, "	3 28
Clarence Stratton, "	2 25
Frank Montague, "	1 95
L. Nye, "	75
A. Holton, "	22
F. R. Clough, "	13 30
Ansel Collier, plank,	27 71
Isaac Mattoon, and others, labor,	46 00
S. Fisher, labor,	10 15
Elisha Smith and others, labor,	42 66
David Clows, labor,	1 50
Geo. R. Clough, "	54 30
John Crelan, "	14 00

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H. E. Wells, labor,	28 45
H. J. Sargent, “	1 44
Frank Piper, “	5 04

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HIGHWAYS.

H. W. Webster, labor,	\$48 00
Lizzie Purple, “	7 00
John H. Robbins and others, labor,	35 83
Pickett Bros., labor,	35 00
M. J. Collier, “	22 36
Wm. D. Alexander, “	73 02
M. H. Day, “	1 50
Chas. Pomeroy, “	45 51
Chas. Warden, “	1 75
Chas. Britton, “	13 00
J. W. Mann, “	1 50
John Dale, “	16 65
Morris Joyce, “	1 50
Joseph Clark, “	5 70
Thos. Quinlan, “	90 00
J. L. Mattoon, “	4 25
W. L. Arling, “	25 37
H. T. Hunt, “	6 00
A. J. Arling, “	20 15
Thos. B. Mattoon, “	6 00
J. E. Thomas, “	1 50
Clifford Holton, “	41 45
James Caldwell, “	2 25
Burrows & Howe, posts,	3 00
Fred Davis, labor,	7 25
Russell Long, labor,	18 00
Edwin Rugg, “	12 80
Geo. A. Stearns, “	3 20
S. G. Wildes, “	4 30
T. Bigelow, “	6 30
E. Atwood, “	1 05
E. White, “	1 00
E. J. Blanchard, “	5 50
Michael Pigott, “	1 25

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*Expenses on Mallory and Pickett's Hill, as ordered by
County Commissioners from a petition from Pickett
Bros. and R. K. Calwell.*

Cash paid M. Weeks, for labor,	\$12 37
“ S. G. Wildes, “	20 00
“ Jerry Twine, “	8 00
“ John Eagan, “	28 12
“ J. Greenwood, “	28 87
“ Pickett Bros. “	58 80
“ R. Phillips, “	20 10
“ Wm. Strange, “	23 82
“ Wm. Burrows, “	14 85
“ J. Twine, Jr., “	15 00
“ D. O'Connor, “	36 00
“ Geo. Whitaker, “	30 75
“ C. I. Holton, “	82 00
“ S. L. Gates, “	85 30
“ R. Phillips, railings,	5 80
“ J. P. Wilcox & Co., tile,	4 50
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	\$474 28

UNPAID SNOW BILLS OF 1888.

Alfred Lyman,	\$9 25
Thomas J. Field,	2 70
Henry Stimpson,	2 25
Andrew G. Hale,	75
J. A. Holland,	1 05
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	\$16 00

EXPENSES FOR MILLERS RIVER BRIDGE.

Cash paid Canton Iron Bridge Co. for $\frac{1}{4}$ of bridge.

Cash paid by department,	\$609 65
Chas. H. Green, lumber bill,	242 85
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	\$852 50

Paid Sabin A. White for stone work,	\$72 50
R. N. Oakman, services,	21 57
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	\$94 07

Total expenses of Bridge to Northfield,	\$946 57
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CONTINGENT.

Henry Wright, 2nd, care of library,	\$4 00
“ “ “ “ “ hall,	15 00
“ “ “ “ “ clock,	15 00
“ “ “ driving hearse,	19 25
“ “ “ work on stump,	60
E. J. Blanchard, water rent,	3 00
“ “ toll,	10
Elias Lyman, as town officer,	37 95
H. J. Sargent, water rent,	3 00
H. W. Webster, “ “	5 00
Lizzie Purple, “ “	3 00
Aqueduct Co. “ “	10 00
Wm. H. Moore, repairs hall,	22 47
Wright Stratton, discount on taxes,	285 62
Charles Blackmer, repairs on town clock,	1 00
C. A. Moulton, cash items,	3 00
S. G. Wildes, “ “	11 47
G. J. Bacon, “ “	22 25
W. J. Wright, “ “	4 38
W. J. Wright, services as town clerk and treasurer,	62 60
Frank Streeter, damages on highway in 1887,	10 00
Ct. Vt. R. R. Co. toll,	4 84
Elias Lyman, registrar,	7 50
T. J. Field, “ ’86, ’87,	11 25
A. R. Lyman, “ ’87, ’88,	7 50
C. A. Moulton, cash for list book,	1 20
C. H. Stearns, error in tax,	3 16
Fred Z. Allen, “ “ “	23 10
Joel Randall, est “ “ “	93
Charles Merrill, goods for town,	35
Ozro Doolittle, mowing cemetery,	2 00
Sumner Collier, “ “	2 00
Henry C. Holton, “ “	2 00
Michael Cosgrove, damages from defect in highway,	1 25
J. H. Piper, damages to carriage from highway,	25 00
Lyman Bros., goods for town,	60
C. A. Moulton, lumber for boat,	6 93
C. L. Robbins, services as registrar,	7 50

Lyman Gilbert and others fire wards,	19 20
Geo. Tyler, scraper points,	12 00
C. T. Bagnall, town reports,	48 00
Charles Pomeroy, services Justice Peace,	5 25
A. G. Hale, land damages for road,	5 00
Charles Pomeroy, affidavits, “	7 25
W. J. Moore, error in tax,	1 04
Sheldon & Newcomb, picks for road,	5 40
J. C. Delvey, building boat, ferry,	10 00
A. L. Grout, repairs on boat,	2 15
C. A. Ware, services as selectman,	7 50
Parsons & Stearns, goods for town,	1 70
Frank H. Turner, repairs of town hall,	3 00
Thomas Quinlan, wood for “ “	16 87
H. H. Mason, repairs on town hall,	4 25
Wm. H. Pomeroy, printing voters' list,	4 00
Edwin Rugg, cutting tree near hall,	7 00
L. T. & C. H. Webster, goods for town,	13 39
Town Gill, ferry,	14 21
R. C. Ward, return of births,	75
N. P. Wood, “ “ “	75
Martin Dickinson, care of tramps,	25 80
F. Loveland, care of insane woman,	1 50
E. A. Hall,	2 75
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	\$864 56

Cash paid Franklin Savings Bank for interest,	\$103 50	
Cash paid for Decoration Day,	50 00	
Cash paid for Library,	100 00	
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		\$1118 06

INSURANCE.

C. H. Webster, school house, Farms,	\$20 25
“ “ “ “	13 13
Charles Pomeroy, library and safes,	60 00
“ “ school house No. 7,	11 50
“ “ Town Hall and fixtures,	100 50
“ “ school house No. 9,	15 00
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	\$220 38

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS' OF THE POOR.

OZRO DOOLITTLE.

Board of Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, 1889,	\$87 75.	
“ Lucretia Sawyer to Jan. 1, '89,	87 75	
“ Jerusha Doolittle “ “	87 75	
“ James Reed to April 28, “	12 25	
“ Abraham Richards, 17 days,	5 50	
“ Elvira Richards, “	5 50	
To moving Richards and wife,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$288 50

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman Smith to Jan. 1, '89,	\$127 92	
“ Fred Nye to “ “	97 49	
	<hr/>	\$225 41

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Mary Pierson to Jan. 1,		
1889,	\$127 67	
Board of Kate Hanwell to Jan. 1, '89,	127 67	
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FRANK V. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Charles Lord to Feb. 1, 1889,	\$65 35
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MRS. FRANK HAMERS.

Board of Fanny Murdock to Feb. 1, 1889,	\$145 64
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AMOS ELMER.

Board of Sally Elmer to Jan. 1, 1889,	\$52 29
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Aid to Mrs. John Cutting and three children to Feb. 1, 1889,	\$56 00
Aid to Mrs. Stephen Regan and children to Feb. 1, '89,	34 50
“ Abraham Richards and wife “ “	77 51
“ Dwight Cook “	15 75
“ Fred Whitney, wife and five children,	81 00
“ Mrs. Electa Stratton to Feb. 1, 1889,	39 22
“ children of A. Watson,	3 88
“ Mrs. Mary Mattoon,	10 18
“ Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe,	22 00

\$1373 87

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CR.

By cash from R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary Pierson,	\$83 97	
By cash from town of Clinton,	10 18	
“ “ Edgar Whiting,	19 00	
“ “ C. A. Ware, guardian of Fred Nye,	97 49	
	<hr/>	\$210 64

GEO. J. BACON,	}	Overseers of Poor.
S. G. WILDES,		
C. A. MOULTON,		

*SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.*SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE THE TOWN
OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To orders drawn on Treasurer since April 1, 1888, \$8402 34

CR.

By paid Town Officers,	\$ 561 16	
“ Highways,	1359 81	1325,46-34,35
“ Snow bills of last year,	16 00	
“ Work on Mallory Hill,	474 28	
“ Bridge at Millers River,	946 57	
“ Schools,	2332 21	- 2345,36
“ Poor,	1373 87	- 1372,57 - 1,30
“ Contingent,	1118 06	
“ Insurance Town Hall and School Houses,	220 38	
	<hr/>	\$8402 34

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. MOULTON,	

**FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
FEBRUARY 7, 1889.**

LIABILITIES.

Due as per auditor's report—	
Geo. J. Bacon, selectman,	\$125 00
S. G. Wildes, “	89 50
C. A. Moulton, “	64 75
W. J. Wright, school committee,	63 90
H. C. Parsons, “ “	53 99
L. R. Smith, “ “	21 20
Outstanding orders,	29 85
Franklin County Bank,	1000 00
Greenfield Savings Bank,	4600 00
Mrs. Kate Sturgiss, land damage,	50 00
Public Library,	75 00
Long lawsuit (about)	210 00
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	\$6383 19

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$1918 98
Due from W. Stratton, tax 1887,	57 12
“ “ “ 1888,	1774 22
Interest on surplus revenue,	60 00
Rent of Town Hall,	12 50
Balance against the Town,	2560 37
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	\$6383 19

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield.

ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1st, 1888, \$1065 53
 Drawn from the bank and paid as follows :- —

Mrs. John Weeks,	\$ 5 00
Miss Emma Hilliard and sister,	10 00
Mrs. Gad C. Lyman,	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Stevens,	10 00
Mrs. Elijah Field,	5 00
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	\$35 00

Amount in bank Jan. 1st, 1889, \$1030 53

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
AND
ASSESSORS
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Library Committee and Town Treasurer,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15th, 1890.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS:

PRINTED BY CECIL T. BAGNALL, PROPRIETOR OF REPORTER,
1890.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

Your Selectmen in their Report this year, have to congratulate you on the favorable condition of the financial condition of the Town. We find, as near as we can get at the unpaid bills, that the indebtedness of the town will be about \$2399.75.

During the past year we have put in two New Bridges which we found unsafe and in a dangerous condition. We have also had built the new road near Fred Caldwell's at an expense of 355 dollars and the new road near D. L. Moody's at an expense of 186 dollars. Our Roads and Bridges are in a fair condition for what we have had to contend with in the excessive rains in that time. We would call your attention to the method that we repair our Roads and ask you if better Roads could not be had for the same money by the Town owning their teams and hiring their help. We would call your attention to a piece of road on Moody street which was covered with the material from Highland avenue, half the expense was paid by Mr. D. L. Moody. We would recommend to the Town that an appropriation be made to put the same kind of material on to Main street the ensuing year. We would also say that Mr. Moody has offered the use of a Stone Crusher free of cost if the Town will put the stone onto its Roads.

In our Report of Poor you will see that our expenses are very heavy although there is some of last year's expense in the amount, some 200 dollars. As our agreement with Mr. Ozo Doolittle expires April 14th, we think that the expenses of the Poor can be largely reduced by the Town leasing or owning a farm and taking care of its Poor. Our heavy expense comes from outside and we think a good deal of it would be stopped if they knew we had a place for their support.

TOWN WARRANT.

FOR 1890.

- Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.
- Art. 2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- Art. 3d. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Auditor, School and Library Committee.
- Art. 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the necessary expenses for the year.
- Art. 5th. To see if the town will vote to license the sale of intoxicating liquors for one year from May 1st, 1890, vote to be Yes or No.
- Art. 6th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the Jury List.
- Art. 7th. To see if the town will vote fifty (\$50) dollars for Memorial Day.
- Art. 8th. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9th. To see how the town will care for its Highways and Bridges for the year.
- Art. 10th. To raise such sums of money for the Library as may be necessary.
- Art. 11th. To see if the town will raise money to Re-catalogue the Library.
- Art. 12th. To see if the town will pay a Discount on Taxes the ensuing year.
- Art. 13th. To see if the town will build a New School House in District No. 7, and raise money for the same.
- Art. 14th. To see what action the town will take for Ventilation of School House in village.
- Art. 15th. To see if the town will raise a sufficient sum of money to Fence Cemetery in south-easterly part of town.
- Art. 16th. To see if the town will lease or buy a farm for to keep its poor, or act thereon.
- Art. 17th. To see if the town will raise the sum of three hundred dollars, to be expended in putting the Stone from Highland Avenue on to Main Street, or act thereon.

ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1889.

Value of real estate,	\$657,063 00
“ personal property,	107,347 00

Total valuation May 1, 1889,	\$764,410 00
No. of acres of land assessed,	
“ dwelling houses,	
“ cows,	
“ sheep,	
“ polls,	437

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1889.

Voted for highways,	\$1500 00
contingent expenses,	2500 00
library,	175 00
schools,	2350 00
school supplies,	300 00
school repairs,	250 00
school conveyance scholars,	100 00
Rugg vs. Long suits,	242 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
new furnace town hall	200 00
county tax,	1294 11
State tax,	800 00
Overlays,	238 41
Total raised by tax,	\$10,050 52
On polls,	\$ 874 00
On real and personal property,	9176 52
	\$10,050 52
Rate on \$1000,	\$12 00
Rate on poll,	2 00

RUFUS K. CALDWELL, } Assessors
 HENRY W. MONTAGJE, } of
 CLINTON A. WARE, } Northfield.

VALUATION LIST.

Adams, Gratia M.	
1 house \$250, 1 barn \$100, 1 house, old, \$50, 1 barn \$25,	\$425
Home farm 23 a. \$850, pasture and swamp 50 a. \$225, wood and pasture 30 a. \$325, Preler pasture 40 a. \$160, J. O. Caldwell lot east road 20 a. \$140, west road 23 a. \$140,	1840
Aiken, Nelson H., 1 poll.	
1 horse 100, 1 cow 30, 1 sheep 3,	133
Aldrich, James P., 1 poll,	
1 horse 100,	100
Aldrich, James P. Mrs.	
1 cow 30,	30
1 house 250, barn 75,	325
Home farm 40 a. 200,	200
Aldrich, James P. and William H.	
1 house 300, 1 barn 50,	350
Home lot 16 a. 100,	100
Aldrich, William H., 1 poll.	
Aldrich, Frank E., 1 poll.	
1 horse 100,	100
Aldrich, Frederick J., 1 poll.	
Aldrich, Charles J., 1 poll.	
2 horses 175, 5 cows 125,	300
1 house \$80, 1 barn 150, hop house 30, shed 50, shop 30,	640
Home farm 32 a. 700, pasture 12 a. 125,	825
Alexander, George F., 1 poll.	
1 horse 10, 2 cows 60, 1 cow farrow 20, 2 two-years old 30, 3 swine 15,	130
1 house 400, 1 barn 250, 1 shed 50, corn barn, 25,	725
Home farm 55 a. 1000,	1000

Alexander, George A.

1 horse 40, 1 cow 30,	70
1 house 150, 1 barn 75,	225
Home lot 3 a. 100,	100

Alexander, William D., 1 Poll.

2 horses 100, 1 cow 30, 3 cows farrow 60, 9 two years old steers 180, 1 swine 15,	385
1 house 500, 2 barns 250, 1 barn shed 100, corn barn 25,	875
Home lot 15 a. 2500, Pachany meadow 7 a. 560. Wood and pasture 17 a. 275, pasture on Winchester road 12 a. 300,	3635

Alexander N. Dwight, 1 poll.

Alexander, George H., 1 poll.

Alexander, Charles, 1 poll.

Cash assets 1700,	1700
1 house 400, 1 barn 175, 1 shop 50,	625
Home lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 500, wood 15 a. 250, mountain 12 a. 200.	
Moody 8 a. 125, Notch mountain 30 a. 300,	1375

Alexander, A. M. D. Mrs.

Cash assets 500,	500
1 house 1000, 1 barn 300,	1300
Home lot $4\frac{1}{4}$ a. 900, Pachany meadow 13 a. 1400,	2300

Alexander, Elisha, Est.,

1 house 1000, 1 barn 300, blacksmith shop 150, shoe shop 40.	
Tobacco barn 75, 1 small house 100,	1665
Home lot $5\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1400, Great Swamp 17 a. 100,	1500

Alexander, George, Mrs.,

1 house 100, 1 barn 60,	160
Stratton farm 72 a. 600,	600

Alexander, Thomas 1 poll.

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Log plain 12 a. 150, wood and pasture 12 a. 100,	
Pasture 9½ a. 115.	
Pachany meadow 2½ a. 150, pine mountain 7 a. 85,	600

Allen, James 1 poll.

1 horse 25, 1 cow 30, 1 two-years-old heifer 15,	70
1 house 150, 1 barn 75,	225
Home lot 10 a. 150, Simonds lot 6 a. 70,	220

Allen, Frederick Z., 1 poll.

3 horses 250, ½ horse 100, 3 oxen 145, 5 3-year-old steers 140, 15 cows 375, 10 cows farrow 200, 5 2-year-old heifers 75, 6 yearlings \$60, 3 swine \$30,	\$1375
1 house 650, 1 barn 350, tobacco barn 200, horse barn 150, 1 tobacco shed 40,	1390
Home lot 7 a. 150, Z. Allen 8¼ a. 200, Ellis Hollow 18 a. 125, Gregg 5½ a. 375, Gregg 10 a. 400, John Allen 16½ a. 620, walnut tree 6½ a. 300, crooked hollow 12¼ a. 700, tillage 10 a. 500, meadow point 4¾ a. 400, hill and swamp 7 a. 55, Frizzell 14 a. 210, Allen swamp and side hill 20 a. 100, plain 18½ a. 700, swamp and side hill 22 a. 120, north meadow point 4 a. 250, Barber & Knight pasture 52 a. 300, purple meadow 12 a. 600,	\$6105

Allen, Dwight, 1 poll.

Allen, Lydia Mrs.

1 piano, -	100
1 house 1400, 1 barn 500,	1900
Home lot 6 a. \$1200,	1200

Anderson, Charles J., 1 poll.

3 cows 72,	72
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Anderson, Almeda Miss.

1 house 85,	85
Home lot 1 a. 15,	15

Atwell, John, 1 poll.

Atwood, Sarah Mrs.

1 horse 30, 2 cows 50, 2 swine 10,	80
1 house 150, 1 barn 50,	200
Home lot 96 a. 470, old farm 5 a. 50, steam mill lot 10 a. 125,	645

Atwood, Fred E., 1 poll.

Stock in trade 200, 1 horse 75,	275
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Arling, Andrew J., 1 poll,

1 horse 80, 1 cow 30,	110
1 house 250, 1 barn 100, 1 house 100, 1 barn 25,	475
Home lot 1½ a. 100, Webb 10 a. 200, Gale ½ a. 20,	320

Arling, Wright L., 1 poll,

1 house 25, 1 cow 30,	55
1 house 150, 1 barn 50,	200
Home lot 1 a. 40,	40

Armstrong, William P., 1 poll,

Armstrong, William P., Mrs.

⅓ house 135, ⅓ barn 65, ⅓ shed 20,	220
⅓ home farm of 50 a. 235, ⅓ wood and pasture of 15 a. 85,	320

Averill, Charles H. 1 poll.

Bacon, George J., 1 poll,

1 horse 100, 1 cow 30, 5 cows furrow 100, 1 two- year-old 15, 2 yearlings 20, 1 swine 7, 1 piano 40,	312
House 400, barn and shed 200, grist and cider mill 500,	1100
Home lot 28 a. 700, pasture 3½ a. 25, wood lot 8 a. 20, mill privilege 150,	895

Bain, William, 1 poll,

1 horse 50, 2 cows 55, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 10,	125
1 house 100, barn and shed 70,	170
Home farm 25 a. 230,	250

Baldwin, Cassius M., 1 poll,

2 horses 75, 1 cow 25, 1 two-years-old heifer 15,	115
1 house 75, barn 50,	125
Home lot 2 a. 40, Reed lot 10 a. 100,	140

Banks, Charles L., 1 poll,
 2 horses 200, 8 cows 240, 1 two-years-old 20, 4
 swine 25, 485
 1 house 500, barn 200, tobacco barn 200, shop 50, 950
 Home lot 44 a. 1650, pasture 37 a. 350, 2000

Barber, Azariah R., 1 poll,
 1 horse 125, 1 cow 30, 155
 1 house 450, 1 barn 125, 575
 Home lot $3\frac{3}{4}$ a. 600, 600

Barron, Catharine, Mrs.,
 1 house 900, 1 barn 100, 1000
 Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200, 200

Barry, James, 1 poll,
 1 house 260, 1 barn 50, 1 small house 100, 410
 Home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 260, 260

Belcher, Jonathan, Est.,
 1 cow 30, 30
 1 house 725, 1 house small 325, 1 barn 200, 1250
 Home lot 3 a. 600, Great meadow 10 a. 475,
 swamp $3\frac{3}{4}$ a. 125, Coombs $28\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150, meadow
 2 a. 175, meadow 4 a. 380, 1705

Bent, William B., 1 poll.

Benjamin, Harland P., 1 poll.
 2 horses 100, 1 cow 30, 130
 1 house 300, barn 50, 350
 Home lot 15 a. 300, 300

Bigelow, Amos, 1 poll.
 1 horse 125, 1 cow 30, 1 cow farrow 20, 175
 1 house 200, barn 100, shed 45, 345
 Home lot 26 a. 350, 350

Bigelow, Fostene A., 1 poll.
 1 organ 40, 40

Bigelow, William A., 1 poll,

Belding, Elijah E. 1 poll.

Cash assets 500, 1 horse 60, 2 oxen 120, 4 cows 120, 5 cows farrow 100, 3 swine 35,	935
1 house 900, 1 house, small, 200, barn 400, tobacco shed 150, hop house 100, grain barn 150,	1900
Home lot $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 500, east of railroad $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 235, Frizzelle lot 1 a. 90, Little meadow 3 a. 250, side hill, 5 a. 125, Green pasture 24 a. 240, Allen 8 a. 50, Belding 50 a. 950, Howe $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100, Howe 20 a. 190, W. O. Dickenson 22 a. 330, Kempland 12 a. 130, Brown pasture 40 a. 500,	3690

Belding, Harmon, Mrs.

Pasture 50 a. 500,	500
Blackmer, Charles, 1 poll.	
1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, 1 swine 5, 1 carriage 75,	160
1 house 300, barn 100,	400
Home lot 1 a. 150,	150

Blanchard, Edward J., 1 poll.

1 cow 25,	25
1 house 200, barn 125, hen house 50,	375
Home lot, $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 225,	225

Blanchard, Etta S., Mrs.,

Wildes & Houghton lot 13 a. 40, Howard lot 7 a. 25,	65
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Bolton, John A., 1 poll,

Billings, Sarah, Mrs.,

1 cow, 20	20
1 house 220, barn 50,	270
Home lot 10 a. 145,	145

Bixbey, Russell W., 1 poll,

1 house 75,	75
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Bowker, Samuel D., 1 poll,

Horse 75, carriage 60,	135
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Brazee, William A., 1 poll,	
2 horses 125,	125
1 house 225, barn 100,	325
Home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 25,	25

Brigham, Joseph T., 1 poll,	
1 horse 25, 1 cow 30,	55
1 house 700, barn 100, 1 house small 160,	960
Home lot 6 a. 1200,	1200

Brigham, Walter J., 1 poll,	
2 houses 200,	200

Briggs, Charles, 1 Poll,	
1 house 75, barn 50,	125
Home lot 2 a. 40,	40

Browning, William H., 1 poll,	
2 horses 60, 1 two-years-old colt 50, 2 cows 50, 1 heifer 15,	175
1 house 125, barn 200,	325
Home lot 18 a. 700, Spooner 7 a. 300,	1000

Burton Joseph, 1 poll,	
2 cows 50,	50
1 house 250, barn 125,	375
Home Lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 100, Severance, 5 a. 220, Benjamin 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 70,	390

Britton, Charles P., 1 poll.	
Cash assets \$460, 3 horses \$375, 2 oxen \$160, 2 2- year old steers \$35, 9 cows \$270, 4 cows farrow \$80, 63 sheep \$180, 7 yearlings \$80, 3 swine \$30, 1 carriage \$50, 1 organ \$40,	1760
1 house \$800. 1 barn, \$400. tobacco barn \$150, 1 shed \$75,	1425
home farm 40 a. \$2000, Pachany meadow 6 a. \$420, Pachany meadow 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. \$300,	\$2720

Britton, Fred. C., 1 poll.
 Burnham, Clayton, 1 poll.
 Burnham, Auldin E., 1 poll.

Burrows, William, 1 poll.

2 horses \$75, 2 2-year old steers \$45, 1 cow \$30, 1 cow farrow 20, 1 2-year old heifer 15, 5 sheep 15, 1 swine 8,	208
1 house 275, 1 barn 75, tobacco shed 75, corn barn, 25, home farm 65 a. 500, Sawyer lot 40 a. 175, B meadow 6 a. 275,	450 950

Barrett, Abbie Mrs.

1 house 100,	100
house lot 1 a. 50,	50

Barrett, Warren, 1 poll.

Bourbeau, Edward, 1 poll.

Baldwin, Edward C., 1 poll.

Caldwell, Rufus K., 1 poll.

3 horses 150, 5 cows 150, 6 cows farrow 120, 4 2-years old 60, 3 yearlings 30, 3 swine 15, 1 pig 75,	600
$\frac{1}{2}$ house 215, $\frac{3}{4}$ barn 225, tobacco barn 165, shed and corn barn 70,	675
Home lot 25 a. 1250, east railroad 6 a. 125, wood 11 a. 275, Dickinson 22 a. 125, W. Dickinson 37 a. 200, brush 5 a. 25, Priest 16 a. 80, Gains 7 a. 30, Adams & Holton 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 575, Purple 6 a. 50,	2735

Caldwell, Rufus, heirs.

$\frac{1}{2}$ house 215, $\frac{1}{4}$ barn 75, shed and corn barn 25	315
Home lot 10 a. 350, Pierce 65 a. 320,	670

Caldwell, Otis S., 1 poll.

1 horse 40,	40
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Caldwell, Florence F., Miss.

1 house 240, 1 barn,	340
Home lot 14 a. 280,	280

Caldwell, William H., 1 poll.

Caldwell, Fred B., 1 poll.

Caldwell, W. H. and Fred B.

7 horses 700, 2 carriages 225, 2 carriages 100.	1025
1 house 700, barn 250,	950
Home lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 75,	75

Callender, Joseph B., 1 poll.

2 horses 150, 3 cows 90, 1 swine 10, 1 piano 100,	350
1 house 1000, 1 horse 100, 1 barn 400, tobacco barn 150, 1 old barn 50,	1700
Home lot 14 a. 1500,	1500

Callender, Benjamin D., 1 poll.

Campbell, James, 1 poll.

1 cow 30, 2 yearlings 20,	50
1 house 175, barn 100,	275
Home lot 10 a. 700,	700

Campbell, Jerry, 1 poll,

Callaghan, Margaret, Mrs.

1 cow 30,	30
1 house 325, barn 225, barn 75,	625
Home lot 15 a. 800, meadow $3\frac{3}{4}$ a. 300, Swan pas- ture 50 a. 300,	1400

Canfield, John, 1 poll.

Cassy, John, 1 poll.

Caughlin, Terrence, 1 poll.

1 cow 30,	30
House 225,	225
House lot $\frac{1}{8}$ a. 25,	25

Caughlin, Patrick, 1 poll,

1 house 175,	175
house lot $\frac{1}{8}$ a. 25,	25

Chamberlain, George N., 1 poll.

Chamberlain, Herbert H., 1 poll,

1 horse 30, 1 two-years-old heifer 15, 1 organ 75,	120
1 house 190, barn 100,	290
Home lot 1 a. 75, Alexander pasture 17 a. 150,	225

Clark, Theodore J., 1 poll.

Clark, Charles, 1 poll.

Clark, George A., 1 poll.

Clark, Elizabeth, Mrs.,

1 house 250, barn 75,	325
Home lot 5 a. 150,	150

Clark, Porter B., 1 poll.

Clark, Joseph, 1 poll,

1 horse 60, 3 cows 90, 1 two-years-old heifer 15,
swine 8, 173

1 house 350, barn 175, 525

Home lot 8 a. 650, Mattoon 7 a. 85, wood 12 a.
120, 855

Clark, Merton J., 1 poll,

2 cows 60, 60

Clough George R., 1 poll,

2 horses, 100, 100

Clough, Fred R. 1 poll.

6 horses 500, 3 cows 90, 5 carriages 375, 4 sleighs
75, 1040

Collar, Ansel, 1 poll,

1 horse 50, 1 three years-old colt 80, 1 cow 30, 2
two years-old heifers 30, 2 swine 20. 210

1 house 100, barn 75, 175

Home farm 40 a. 350, Great Swamp 6 a. 50, J.
Collier place 22 a. 150, Priest 20 a. 100, 650

Collier, Melvin J., 1 poll.

1 horse 75, 1 cow 30, 105

Collier, Sumner H., 1 poll.

1 cow 30, 30

1 house 150, barn 75, 225

Home lot 5 a. 50, 50

Collier, Gardner, 1 poll.

1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, 80

1 house 50, barn, 20, 70

Home lot 4¹ a. 200, 200

Collier, Charles, 1 poll.

Collier, George E., 1 poll.

1 cow 30, 30

1 house 175, barn 75, 250

Home lot 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50, rabbit 24 a. 100, 150

Colton, Fannie M. Mrs.	
1 horse 70, 1 cow 30, 1 sheep 3,	103
1 house 750, barn 100, shop 50,	900
Home lot 4 a. 2000, wood 12 a. 100,	2100

Colton, Joseph R., 1 poll.

Colton, Cynthia.

Cash assets 500,	500
1 house 800, barn 200, shop 50,	1050
Home lot 10 a. 1500, J. Lyman 12 a. 300, Burt 5 a. 400, mountain 6¼ a. 150,	2350

Conner, Dennis, 1 poll.

Cosgrove, Michael, 1 poll.

1 horse 60, 1 cow 30, 1 swine 12,	102
1 house 200, barn 100,	300
Home lot 8¾ a. 175,	175

Cowles, James W., 1 poll.

3 horses 200, 10 cows 300, 6 2-year old heifers 120, 3 yearlings 30, 9 swine 60,	710
1 house 650, 1 barn 500, horse barn 175, tobacco barn 225,	1550
Home lot 14 a. 2400, pasture at home 10 a. 200, town lot 5 a. 175, Miller lot timber 97 a. 1200, Julia White meadow 15 a. 1100, mill privilege 1 a. 100, great meadow 18 a. 1200,	6375

Coy Ira.

1 house 240, barn 50,	290
Home lot 7 a. 280,	280

Cole, Erastus, 1 poll.

1 horse 75,	75
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Crowell, Hilan R., 1 poll.

Stock in trade 3000, 3 horses 250, carriage 50,	3300
1 house and store 1200, barn 200, store North Main street 1500,	2900
Home lot ½ a. 120, store lot N Main street ½ a. 400,	520

Crune, Walter D., 1 poll.

1 cow 30, 2 sheep 6,	36
1 house 800,	800
Home lot ½ a. 200,	200

Crelan, John, 1 poll.	
2 horses 250, 1 cow 30,	280
Crelan Timothy, 1 poll.	
1 house 200,	200
Home lot 1-6 a. 25,	25
Cummings, James T., 1 poll.	
1 cow 30, organ 40,	70
1 house 225, barn 50,	275
Home lot $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150, Callaghan lot 11 a. 150,	300
Cutting, Pliney, 1 poll.	
Carbacknie, Frank, 1 poll.	
Campbell, Benjamin F., 1 poll.	
1 cow 30,	30
1 house 175, 1 barn 30,	205
Home lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 70,	70
Dale, David, 1 poll.	
1 house 225, 1 barn 75,	300
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50	50
Dale, David 2d, 1 poll,	
Dale, John, 1 poll.	
3 cows 90, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 10,	110
1 house 225, 1 barn 75,	300
Home lot $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 90, plain 8 a. 200,	390
Dale, William, 1 poll.	
Dale, William H., 1 poll.	
Dale, John, Jr., 1 poll.	
Pomeroy lot $5\frac{1}{2}$ a. 380,	380
Dale, Patrick est.	
1 horse 80, 1 cow 30,	110
1 house 175, 1 barn 75,	250
Home lot 1 a. 50, Hall lot $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200,	250
Dalton, John H., 1 poll.	
3 cows 90, 2 yearlings 20, 1 swine 10,	120
1 house 175, 1 barn 75,	250
Home lot 5 a. 200, meadow $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100,	300

Dalton, Patrick, 1 poll.	
1 house 200, 1 barn 75,	275
Home lot 10 a. 285, Alexander lot 20 a. 200,	485
Davis, Orlando S., 1 poll.	
2 horses 100, 1 2-years old heifer 15,	115
1 house 150, 1 barn 50,	200
Home lot 5 a. 150, wood and sprout 6 a. 25,	175
Davis, Samuel H., 1 poll.	
Davis, Fred. L., 1 poll.	
1 horse 25,	25
Davis, Lewis M., 1 poll.	
Davis, Milton, 1 poll.	
Davey, Frank, 1 poll.	
Darling, William W., 1 poll.	
Day, Marshall H., 1 poll.	
2 horses 130, 2 oxen 140, 2 2-years old steers 100,	
4 cows farrow 80,	450
Pachany meadow lot 12½ a. 600,	600
Dickinson, Martin, 1 poll.	
Dickinson, Darius, 1 poll.	
1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, 2 yearlings 20,	70
1 house 150, 1 barn 70,	220
Home lot 25 a. 335, Burt lot ¼ a. 10,	345
Dickinson, William, 1 poll.	
1 horse 50, 1-2 years old heifer 20, 1 swine 8,	78
1 house 800, 1 barn 150, 1 shop 150,	1100
Home lot 5½ a. 350, Prindle lot 8 a. 70,	420
Dickinson, Roswell E., 1 poll.	
2 horses 60, 1 3-years old colt 75, 4 cows 120, 1 2-	
years old heifer 15, 1 yearling 10, 13 sheep 35, 1	
swine 8, 1 carriage 50, 1 organ 25,	398
1 house 600, 1 barn 275, wagon house 75, tobacco	
barn 100, corn barn 50.	1100
Home farm 18 a. 850, second moose plain 17 a. 650,	
Preston lot 12½ a. 225, Field pasture 120 a. 600,	
Barber lot 30 a. 140,	2465

Doolittle, Frank V., 1 poll.	
2 horses 125, 1 3-years old colt 70, 2 oxen 80, 1 cow 30,	305
1 house 300, 1 barn 100, 1 house 100, 1 barn 40,	540
Home lot 2 a. 50, Malley lot 1 a. 40, tillage and pasture 14 a. 120, wood and sprout 19 a. 150, plain 16½ a. 240,	600
Doolittle, Ozro H., 1 poll,	
1 horse 110, 1 yearling colt 40, 1 cow 30, 2 swine 15,	195
1 house 225, 1 barn 100,	325
Home lot 8 a. 150,	150
Doolittle, William H., 1 poll,	
2 horses 120, 1 two-years-old colt 65, 1 yearling colt 40, 4 cows 110, 2 swine 15,	350
1 house 300, 1 barn 125,	425
Home lot 12 a. 420,	420
Doolittle, Rodney D., 1 poll,	
1 organ, 50,	50
Doolittle, Alfred A., 1 poll,	
1 swine 8,	8
Dodd, Edward P., 1 poll.	
Driscoll, Dennis, 1 poll,	
1 cow 30,	30
1 house 275, 1 barn 60,	335
Home lot 1¼ a. 175,	175
Dutton, Mary A. and Mary T.,	
1 piano, 100,	100
1 house 800, 1 barn 225,	1025
Home lot 4 a. 700, Meadow lot 5 a. 400,	1100
Duncan, C. C., 1 poll,	
1 horse 40, 1 cow 30,	70
Dempsey, James, 1 poll,	
2 yearlings 20, 1 swine 8,	28
Elmer, Amos D., 1 poll,	
Stock in trade 200, 1 horse 100, 1 carriage 75,	375
1 house 500, 1 barn 100,	600
Home lot 3 a. 500,	500

Elmer, Alton D., 1 poll.

Elmer, Amos, Mrs.,

1 house 25,	25
Home lot 1 a. 20,	20

Elmore, Elephas.

1 house 100,	100
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 25,	25

Evans, James H., 1 poll.

1 horse 35, 3 cows 90, 1 two-year old heifer 15,	140
$\frac{1}{2}$ Webb pasture $37\frac{1}{2}$ a. 250,	250

Evans, Roselle A., 1 poll.

1 house 300, 1 barn 125,	425
Home lot 18 a. 360, $\frac{1}{2}$ Webb pasture $37\frac{1}{2}$ a. 250,	610

Esterbrooks, Forest B., 1 poll.

Fay, Loring, 1 poll.

Failman, J. Wright, 1 poll.

1 cow farrow 20,	20
1 house 125, 1 barn 40,	165
Home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100,	100

Fellows, William C., 1 poll.

1 horse 40, 1 cow 30, 1 two-years old heifer 15, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 8,	103
1 house 200, 1 barn 100,	300
Home farm 106 a. 500,	500

Field, Harvey C., Mrs.

1 horse 35, 1 yearling 10,	45
1 house 375, 1 barn 125,	500
Home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100, meadow $3\frac{3}{4}$ a. 275, S. S. Hol- ton, $2\frac{1}{4}$ a. 95, pasture $11\frac{3}{4}$ a. 100, Morgan 2 a. 80, Crandall 1 a. 40, Stevens meadow $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 40, Stev- ens lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 30,	760

Field, Hollis, 1 Poll,

Field, George P., 1 Poll,

Field, George P. Mrs.,

1 cow 30,	30
1 house 1000, 1 barn 200,	1200
Home lot 7 a. 1800,	1800

Field, Thomas J., 1 poll,	
3 horses 200, 2 oxen 105, 14 cows 420, 3 cows farrow 60, 5 two-years-old heifers 90, 8 yearlings 80, 2 swine 15,	970
1 house 800, 1 barn 350, sheep barn 285, corn barn 125, tobacco barn 450,	2510
Home lot 100 a. 6500, Holton pasture 30 a. 150, Sand plain 28 a. 150, Dutton pasture 100 a. 800, Tripp 30 a. 210, Lyman lot 40 a. 160, wood and pasture 20 a. 140, Ware lot 8 a. 80, great meadow 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 2100,	10290
Field, Franklin, 1 poll,	
1 house 1400, barn 400,	1800
Home lot 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1800,	1800
Field, Frances, and Mary,	
1 house 600, 1 barn 200, tobacco barn 100,	400
Home lot 2 a. 240, Smith place 17 a. 400, Field lot 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50,	690
Field, Horace, F., 1 poll,	
2 horses 100, 5 cows 150, 2 two years old heifers 30, 1 yearling 10, 4 swine 20,	310
1 house 600, barn 150, 2 tobacco barns 100,	850
Home farm 40 a. 720, Pine meadow 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 450, S. P. Field lot 20 a. 240, E. Stratton 32 a. 130,	1540
Field, Simeon A., Estate.	
1 house 400, barn 175, tobacco barn 50,	625
Home lot 42 a. 600,	600
Field, Simeon A., Mrs.,	
Pine meadow 5 a. 235, Stratton home lot 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 145, wood lot 10 a. 300,	680
Field, Timothy, Estate,	
1 house 800, barn 200,	1000
Home lot 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 375, great meadow 6 a. 540,	915
Field, Benjamin, F., 1 poll.	
Field, William D. Y., 1 poll.	
3 horses 260, 1 cow 30,	290
1 house 300, barn 125,	425
Home farm 94 a. 640, Miller lot 26 a. 100,	740

Field, George W., 1 poll.

2 horses 60, 1 swine 8,	68
1 house 525, barn 200 tobacco barn 50,	775
Home lot 10 a. 500,	500

Fisher, Larkin, 1 poll.

Fisher, Simon S., 1 poll.

3 horses 175, 7 cows 210, 1 2-years old 15, 1 year- ling 10, 20 sheep 50, 1 organ 50,	510
1 house 275, 1 barn 175, 1 house 75, 1 barn 50,	575
Home farm 36 a. 650, pasture 46 a. 400, old Cragg pasture 45 a. 200, Eudey lot 13 a. 110, Crane 35 a. 200, Dutton pasture 18¾ a. 150,	1710

Fisher, Rodney C., 1 poll.

1 horse 40, 3 cows farrow 60, 1 2 years old heifer 18,	118
1 house 1000, 1 barn 200,	1200
Home lot 2½ a. 1250, lot East Highland avenue, 26½ a. 1000,	2250

Fisher, George P., 1 poll.

1 horse 100,	100
1 house 1000,	1000
Home lot ½ a. 350,	350

Fisher, Andrew C., 1 poll.

1 organ 40,	40
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Fisher, Francis, 1 poll.

1 horse 40, 1 cow 25,	65
1 house 600, barn 100, shed 25, shop 15,	740
Home lot 7 a. 1200, Pomeroy lot sprout and wood 16 a. 150,	1350

Fisher, Charles A., 1 poll.

Fitzgerald, Edward J., 1 poll.

Flemming, Willard H., 1 poll,

1 horse 15, 1 cow 30, 1 cow 25,	70
1 house 200, 1 barn 100,	300
Home farm 24 a. 300,	300

Fowler, Lewis, 1 poll,

1 horse 75, 1 two-years-old heifer 15,	90
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Foss, Eugene, 1 poll,
1 horse 100, 5 cows 150, 4 two years old 60, 2
swine 18, 328

Fouchu, Joseph, 1 poll,
1 horse 30, 30

Free, Samuel R., 1 poll.

First Parish,
1 house 750, barn 125, 875
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 250, 250

Gage, Anson, 1 poll,
2 horses 125, 4 cows 120, 1 cow farrow 20, 3 year-
lings 30, 295
1 house 350, 1 barn 200, tobacco barn 100, 650
Home farm 45 a. 950, Great Hill pasture 70 a. 400, 1350

Gage, Almira,
1 house 100, 100
Home lot 1 a. 50, 50

Gates, Sumner L., 1 poll,
2 horses 140, 4 cows 120, 1 cow farrow 20, 2 two
years old 30, 1 yearling 10, 320
1 house 350, barn 200, 550
Home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 125, second Moose plain 18 a. 700,
plain lot 30 acres 270, wood and pasture 30 a.
330, 1425

Gilbert, Lyman, Est.,
1 horse 75, 3 cows 90, 1 two years old heifer 30, 1
yearling 10, 205
1 house 600, barn 250, tobacco barn 100, 950
Home farm 73 a. 1000, 1000

Grace, John, 1 poll.

Grace, Thomas, 1 poll.
1 horse 20, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 10, 60
1 house 130, barn 50, 180
Home lot 1 a. 125, 125

Graves, Edwin F., 1 poll.
1 swine 5, 5
1 house 500, 500
Home lot $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 100, 100

Greenwood James, 1 poll.

1 yearling 10, 10

Greenleaf, Otis T., 1 poll.

1 horse 100, 1 3 years old colt 100, 1 cow 30, 230

1 house 500, 1 house 200, 1 house 75, 1 barn 140,
tobacco barn 50, 1 barn 20, 1085

Home lot 10 a. 500, home lot on mountain 5 a. 125, 625

Green, Charles H., 1 poll.

Stock in trade 1000, 1 horse 110, 1 3 years old colt
120, 1 2 years old colt 85, 1 yearling colt 60, 1
cow 35, 1 2 years old heifer 20, 1 swine 8, 1 car-
riage 125, 1 piano 50, 1 steam mill and engine
500, 2113

1 house 1500, barn and shed 500, wagon house 100,
O'Keefe house 200, barn 50, 2350

Home lot 3 a. 700, Notch mountain 220 a. 880,
Webb lot 32 a. 120, Combs 3 a. 25, wood and
pasture 60 a. 375, Stratton lot 11 a. 35, Alexan-
der 100 a. 300, Lane 12 a. 60, Lyman lot 5 a.
50, O'Keefe lot 2 a. 50, O'Keefe 5 a. 200, J. L.
Mattoon 13 a. 60, Lyman 13 a. 350, Colton 12 a.
600, 3805

Greene, Frank H., 1 poll.

Hale, Fred L., 1 Poll,

Hale, Lester Mrs.

1 horse 25, 1 cow 30, 55

1 house 150, 1 barn 50, 200

Home farm 17 a. 200, 200

Hale, Andrew G., 1 Poll,

1 horse 125, 1 cow 30, 1 two years old 20, 2 year-
lings 20, 3 swine 25, 1 carriage 60, 280

1 house 850, 1 barn 250, 1 house 150, 1 barn 50, 1300

Home lot 2½ a. 500, E. Holton farm 21 a. 800,
Blake wood lot 10 a. 175, 1475

Hall, Martha,

1 house 800, barn 200, 1000

Home lot 1½ a. 400, 400

Hart, Henry T., 1 Poll,	
1 cow 30,	30
1 house 150, barn 25,	175
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 25,	25

Hammond, Henry H., 1 Poll,	
1 horse 15, 2 cows 50, 1 yearling 10,	75
1 house 100, 1 barn 25,	125
Home farm 54 a. 150	150

Hammond, Jarvis L., 1 Poll,	
2 horses 75, 5 cows 150, 1 two years old heifer 15,	240
1 house 250, barn 100, horse barn 50,	400
Home farm 55 a. 900,	900

Harnen, Frank, 1 Poll,	
1 horse 25, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 5,	100
1 house 100, barn 75,	175
Home farm 40 a. 280,	280

Harris, Israel M., 1 poll.	
1 horse 125, 5 cows 150, 3 cows farrow 60, 2 year-	
lings 20, 2 sheep 6, 2 swine 15,	376
1 house 250, 1 barn 150, horse barn 50, shop 25,	475
Home farm 50 a. 800, Twitchell lot 10 a. 80, tillage	
2 a. 30,	910

Hilliard, Cornelius, 1 poll.	
1 horse 90, 1 cow 30,	120
Severence lot 30 a. 400, Nye 7 a. 250, Wentworth	
90 a. 400,	1050

Hilliard, George H., 1 poll.	
1 house 200,	200
Home lot 1 a. 50,	50

Hilliard, Gilbert G., 1 poll.	
3 horses 125, 8 cows 240, 1 cow farrow 20, 3 year-	
lings 30, 2 swine 15,	430
1 house 500, 1 barn 300, horse barn 75,	875
Home farm 30 a. 1050, Stimpson pasture 24 a. 200	1250

Hilliard, Freeman A., 1 poll.

Hilliard, Nelson G., 1 poll.

3 horses 200, 6 cows 180, 5 2 years old 75, 2 swine 15,	470
1 house 325, barn 250, tobacco shed 150,	725
Home lot 11½ a. 460, Johnson pasture 13 a. 155, wood 3 a. 50, Pine meadow 7 a. 330, Pine meadow 6½ a. 310, Pine meadow 5 a. 240,	1545

Hilliard, Dwight, 1 poll.

1 horse 100,	100
1 house 400, 1 barn 100,	500
Home lot ½ a. 25,	25

Hilliard, Emma.

1 house 100,	100
Home lot ¼ a. 25,	25

Holton, Clifford I., 1 poll.

Wilder pasture 25 a. 125, George Holton lot 2½ a. 15,	140
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Holton, Horace, 1 poll.

Holton, Roswell, 1 Poll,

4 horses 300, 1 two years old colt 75, 8 cows 240, 6 yearlings 60, 8 two years old 150, 3 swine 25,	850
1 house 500, barn and shed 250, hop house 40, 1 tobacco barn 150, 1 tobacco barn 40,	980
Home lot 9½ a. 400, second Moose plain 28 a. 1300, Tiffany & Dickinson pasture 65½ a. 650, Seymour wood lot 23 a. 200, George Holton sprout and wood 18 a. 150,	2700

Holton, Ezra L., 1 Poll,

1 horse 20, 2 cows 50, 1 swine 5,	75
1 house 175, barn 100, hop house 50,	325
Home lot 7½ a. 240, west of road 4 a. 140, pasture and wood 12 a. 120,	500

Holton, Fidelia and Lucretia,

1 cow 25,	25
1 house 300, barn and shed 100,	400
Home lot 4 a. 140,	140

Holton, Lucy and Mary,

1 horse 50,	50
$\frac{2}{3}$ house 270, $\frac{2}{3}$ barn 130, $\frac{2}{3}$ shed 40,	440
$\frac{2}{3}$ of home farm of 50 a. 470, $\frac{2}{3}$ wood and pasture of 15 a. 170	640

Holton, Cyrus, 1 poll,

3 horses 175, 2 oxen 120, 6 cows 170, 4 cows farrow 80, 4 two years old 65, 3 yearlings 30, 40 sheep 110, 3 swine 25,	775
1 house 700, barn and shed 600, corn barn 75, hop house 50,	1425
Home farm 105 a. 2300, Bennett meadow 5 a. 450, plain lot 20 a. 190, wood 7 a. 225,	3165

Holton, Cyrus, Mrs.,

1 house 600, barn 150,	750
Home lot $6\frac{1}{4}$ a. 1200,	1200

Holton, Henry C., 1 Poll,

Burrows lot 6 a. 40.	40
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Holton, Arthur C., 1 poll,

1 horse 65, 1 cow 30,	95
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Holton, George E., 1 poll.

Cash assets 400, 2 cows 60,	460
1 house 700, barn 200, tool house 50, shed and hen house 50,	1000
Home lot 8 a. 1700, wood 8 a. 80,	1780

Holton, Estella Mrs.

1 house 400, 1 barn 150,	550
Home farm 20 a. 1000,	1000

Holton, Abbie Mrs.

2 horses 150, 4 cows 120, 1 2 years old 15, 4 yearlings 40,	325
1 house 650, barn 240, cider mill 50, corn barn 50,	990
Home lot 30 a. 450, wood 40 a. 2800, pasture 20 a. 400, Great meadow $3\frac{1}{4}$ a. 300,	3950

Holton, Frank B., 1 poll.

Holton, Lottie.

Bason lot 10 a. 400,	400
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Holton, Alexander, 1 poll.	
1 horse 25, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 10,	65
1 house 125, barn 50,	175
Home lot 5 a. 50, Barrett 24 a. 100, Moore lot 25 a. 200,	350
Holton, Arnold H., 1 poll,	
1 horse 50, 1 carriage 50,	100
Holton, Samuel Mrs.	
1 house 70, barn 20,	90
Home lot 9 a. 90,	90
Holton, Samuel C., 1 poll.	
1 horse 90, 1 cow 30, 1 2 years old 15,	135
1 house 200, barn 50, shop 75,	325
Home lot 3 a. 200, Page wood lot 18 a. 160,	360
Holton, Henry.	
1 house 200, barn 50,	250
Home lot 1 a. 100,	100
Holton, Rufus, 1 poll.	
1 horse 40,	40
Holton, Caroline S. Mrs.,	
1 cow 30,	30
$\frac{1}{2}$ house 400, $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 100,	500
$\frac{1}{2}$ home lot of $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 300,	300
Holton, Hellen A. Miss,	
1 piano 75,	75
$\frac{1}{2}$ house 400, $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 100,	500
$\frac{1}{2}$ home lot of $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 300,	300
Howard, Fayett C., 1 poll,	
Stock in trade 150, 1 horse 75, Carriage 50,	275
Howard, William F., 1 poll,	
1 horse 150, 2 cows 60,	210
1 house 800, 1 barn 300,	1100
Home lot $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 800,	800
Howard, Charles C., 1 poll.	
Howard, Samuel E., 1 poll.	
Hobbs, Frederick G., 1 poll.	
Howe, David, 1 poll,	
1 horse 25, 1 cow 30,	55

Howe, Harry W., 1 poll,	
1 horse 50,	50
1 house 800, 1 store 200,	1000
House lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50, store lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50,	100

Howe, Harry W., Mrs.,	
2 horses 125, 2 cows 60, 3 two years old 45, 2 yearlings 20, 1 piano 75,	325
1 house 400, barn and shed 200, wagon house 50,	650
Home farm 64 a. 950, pasture and wood 39 a. 200,	
Sanders lot 32 a. 125, brush and sprout 13 a. 60,	
the Tyler lot 40 a. 240,	1575

Holland, Elbert J., 1 poll,	
1 horse 70, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 5,	115
1 house 100, barn 70,	170
Home farm 30 a. 300, Morgan lot 12 a. 95,	395

Holland, Justin A., 1 poll.	
1 horse 100, 2 oxen 100, 6 cows 180, 1 yearling 10,	390
1 house 400, barn 70,	470
Home lot 18 a. 360,	360

Holden, Shepard.	
1 house 100, barn 50,	150
Home lot 1 a. 25, Greenleaf 1 a. 5, mountain lot 30 a. 150, Moody 3 a. 30, H. Robbins place 17 a. 100,	310

Hutchins, George D., 1 poll.	
1 horse 75, carriage 60, piano 100,	235

Howard, Hattie, Miss.	
1 house 25, barn 100,	125
Home farm 40 a. 600, Great meadow $6\frac{1}{2}$ a. 500,	
Great meadow 5 a. 400,	1500

Jones, Charles H., 1 poll.	
1 cow 30,	30
1 horse 300, barn 75,	375
Home lot 4 a. 300,	300

Johnson, Addison, 1 poll,

Johnson, Samuel.	
1 horse 20, 1 cow 30,	50
1 house 100, barn 90,	190
Home farm 60 a. 380,	380

Johnson, J. P., 1 poll.

Joyce, Maurice, 1 poll.

1 horse 100, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 10,	170
1 house 200, 1 barn 100,	300
Home lot $6\frac{1}{2}$ a. 390, Mutton lot 9 a. 290,	680

Kenney, George B., 1 poll.

1 horse 50,	50
1 house 175, barn 75,	250
Home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 70,	70

Keet, Stephen, estate.

1 horse 60,	60
1 house 175, barn 70, tobacco barn 70,	315
Home lot 12 a. 430, pasture 5 a. 60, Clark lot 16 a. 100, wood 6 a. 60,	650

Keet, Charles, 1 poll.

Kennedy, Michael, 1 poll.

Kermosh, Peter, 1 poll.

Kingsley, Mary L. Mrs.

1 horse 25, 1 cow 30, 1 2 years old heifer 15,	70
1 house 350, 1 barn 75, 1 house 75,	500
Home farm 92 a. 1770,	1770

Kiley, Edward, 1 poll.

Kiley, John, 1 poll.

LaBelle, Eugene, 1 poll.

LaBelle, Joseph, 1 poll.

1 horse 25, 2 cows 60,	85
1 house 150,	150
Home lot 10 a. 200,	200

Ladike, Isaac, 1 poll.

Leach, Adonicum, 1 poll.

Leach, Osgood L., 1 poll.

2 horses 100, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 10, 1 organ 70,	210
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Long, David T., 1 poll.

1 horse 100, 1 cow 30, 1 2 years old 15, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 20,	175
1 house 500, 1 barn 200, 1 shed 50,	750
Home lot 3 a. 900, East Highland avenue 19½ a. 950, Lousanna 10 a. 120, Pachany meadow 7 a. 400,	2370

Long, Alvin A., 1 poll.

1 horse 40, 1 cow 30, 1 two years' old 13,	83
1 house 1100, barn 400, shed 50,	1550
Home lot 3 a. 900, East Highland ave. 10½ a. 850, Moody lot 18 a. 170, Moore lot 12 a. 60, Lousana 16 a. 250,	2230

Long, Russell E., 1 poll.

2 horses 270, 1 cow 30, carriage 75,	375
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Long, George A., 1 poll.

1 boat 100,	100
1 house 500, barn 200,	700
Home lot ½ a. 100, mill privilege ½ a. 100,	200

Lindsey, Charles A. 1 poll.

2 horses 300, 2 two years' old colts 250, 1 cow farrow 20, 1 carriage 125,	695
1 house 3500, 1 barn 400, ½ ice house 50,	3950
Home lot 3 5-6 a. 1000,	1000

Luey, Mary Miss.

1 house 400,	400
Home lot ½ a. 50,	50

Lyman, Edwin, 1 poll.

2 horses 90, 1 two years' old colt 50, 4 cows 120, 1 two years' old heifer 15, 1 yearling 12, 1 swine 8,	295
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Lyman, Hollis C., 1 poll.

1 horse 25, 1 cow 30,	30
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Lyman, Malinda, Mrs.

1 house 125, barn 75,	200
Home lot 20 a. 500. side hill 5 a. 50, Log plain 10 a. 100,	650

Lyman, Elias, estate,

1 cow 30, 1 two year old heifer, 15,	45
1 house, 550, barn 100, shop 100,	750
Home lot 2½ a. 500, Great meadow 5 a. 400, wood 8 a. 100,	1000

Lyman, D. Everett, 1 poll.
1 horse 140, 2 swine 10, 150

Lyman, E. S. G., Mrs.
1 horse 30, 30
1 house 800, barn 250, wagon house 75, 1125
Home lot $5\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1000, Pachany meadow $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 175, 1175

Lyman, Simeon, Mrs.
1 house 1200, 1 barn 150, 1 barn 100, cider mill 50, 1500
Home lot 8 a. 1200, Strobridge lot 40 a. 550, plain
 $1\frac{3}{4}$ a. 30, 1780

Lyman, Joseph, 1 poll.
1 cow 30, 1 cow farrow 20, 50
1 house 350, barn 100, 450
Home lot 5 a. 250, 250

Lyman, Andrew E., 1 poll.
Stock in trade 300, 1 cow 30, 330
1 house 800, 1 barn 200, 1 barn 50, 1050
Home lot 1 a. 350, 350

Lyman, Jonathan, 1 poll.
3 horses 75, 5 cows 150, 1 cow farrow 20, 1 two-
years old heifer 15, 260
1 house 400, 1 barn 750, horse barn 100, tobacco
barn 300, 1 house 300, 1850
Home farm 30 a. 2000, sand plain 25 a. 280, Wright
lot 4. 20, Eudey lot 30 a. 120, Mattoon lot 42 a.
1680, Smith lot 216 a. 1000, 5100

Lyman, J. Alfred, 1 poll.
2 horses 150, 1 cow 30, 180

Lyman, Albert R., 1 poll.
2 horses 50, 1 cow 30, 1 swine 15, piano 100, 195
1 house 700, barn 275, tobacco barn 70, slaughter
house 150, 1 old house 100, barn 50, 1345
Home lot $12\frac{1}{2}$ a. 2000, Mattoon lot $10\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1000,
Cook lot 22 a. 200, R. Lyman place 76 a. 500,
Field lot 22 a. 170, 3870

Lyman, Gad C.
1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, 50
1 house 100, barn 25, 125
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 20, pasture 12 a. 100, 120

Lyman, Elliot, 1 poll.

1 horse 70, 8 cows 240, 1 cow farrow 20, 2 2 years old 30, 1 swine 15,	375
1 house 650, barn 175, wagon house 100,	925
Home lot 10 a. 500, pasture 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 500, Louisiana lot 36 a. 200, Strobridge lot 13 a. 300,	1500

Lyons, S. K. D. Mrs.

1 house 150, barn 50	200
Home lot 1 a. 50,	50

Loveland, Frank.

1 piano 100,	100
1 house hotel 2500, 2 barns 700, meat market and shed 300,	3500
Home lot 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1800, Webster lot 2 a. 75,	1875

Mack, Charles H., 1 poll.

1 horse 60, 1 two years old 15, 1 swine 8,	83
1 house 100, 1 barn 25,	125
Home lot 1 a. 25,	25

Mann, J. Wesley, 1 poll.

1 horse 25, 1 3 years old colt 100, 1 2 years old colt 60, 5 cows 150, 4 2 years old heifers 60, 2 swine 25, 1 organ 60, carriage 90,	570
1 house 500, 1 barn 300, tobacco barn 75, 1 shed 50, Merriman house 600, barn 200, old barn 50, horse barn 100, hog house and shed 25, O. E. Field house 50, barn 50,	2000
Home farm 64 a. 1000, Wright lot 70 a. 800, mountain 106 a. 800, Merriman lot 4 a. 40, Merriman home lot 4 a. 200, mowing and tillage 16 a. 400, barn and orchard lot 19 a. 500, pasture 51 a. 510, pasture 28 a. 280, G. E. Field place 25 a. 350,	4880

Mann, Warren, estate.

1 house 300, barn 200,	500
Home farm 14 a. 600,	600

Marsh, Susan, Mrs.

1 house 75, barn 50,	125
Home farm 50 a. 400,	400

Marsh, Zebina.

1 house 50,	50
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50,	50

Mason, Henry H., 1 poll.

Mattoon, John L., 1 poll,

2 horses 125, 2 oxen 110, 24 two years old steers 450, 6 yearlings 65,	750
1 house 150, 1 barn 950, barn and shed 400, tobacco barn 100, hop house 75,	1675
Home lot 2 a. 550, great meadow 5 a. 425, South meadow $21\frac{3}{4}$ a. 1800, Osgood lot 4 a. 325, Alexander lot 5 a. 455, wood and pasture 30 a. 500, wood 12 a. 300,	4355

Mattoon, Thomas B., 1 poll.

Mattoon, John, 1 poll,

1 horse 90, Carriage 70, piano 50,	210
1 house 1500, barn 400, wagon shed 50,	1950
Home lot $7\frac{3}{4}$ a. 1800,	1800

Mattoon, Charles W. 1 poll.

1 house 350, barn 100,	450
Home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 100,	100

Mattoon, Oliver S., 1 poll,

1 cow 30,	30
1 house 800, barn and shed 250, corn barn 50,	1100
Home lot $7\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1200, Great meadow $11\frac{1}{2}$ a. 950, bark mill lot 3 a. 100, dry swamp 10 a. 130, Hemlock mountain 55 a. 165,	2545

Mattoon, Isaac, 1 poll.

1 horse 90, 3 cows 90, 1 yearling 10, 1 piano 40,	230
1 house 360, 1 barn 100, broom shop 50,	510
Home lot $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. 750, pasture $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 45, pasture $6\frac{3}{4}$ a. 80, Hemlock mountain 13 a. 60,	935

Mattoon, Samuel and Irene.

1 house 400, barn 100,	500
Home lot 9 a. 200,	200

Mattoon, Emeline Mrs.

1 house 175, barn 50,	225
Home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200,	200

Marshall, H. N. F., 1 poll.	
5 horses 600, 2 cows 60, 1 swine 5, 3 carriages 200, piano 150,	1015
Marshall, Alice S.	
1 house 100, barn 50, boarding house 100,	250
Caldwell & Eaton lot 110 a. 650, Hall lot 24 a. 150, Sprout lot 10 a. 50, Bassett farm 54 a. 525, Munn pasture and ledge 45 a. 450,	1825
Marvin, Byron O., 1 poll.	
Malley, Michael, 1 poll.	
1 horse 25,	25
Makerman, Ernest, 1 poll.	
Maynard, Joshua, 1 poll.	
2 horses 125, 4 cows 120, 2 yearlings 20, 2 swine 15,	280
1 house 500, barn 100,	600
Home lot 13 a. 400, Bent lot $5\frac{3}{4}$ a. 150, Johnson lot 5 a. 70, Harris lot 10 a. 60,	680
Mead, Frances Mrs.	
1 house 400, barn 100, store 200,	700
Home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 150,	150
Merriam, James and William E.	
2 horses 165, 7 cows 200,	365
1 house 380, 1 barn 275, H. Stratton house 400, barn 75	1130
Home farm 16 a. 500, H. Stratton home lot 20 a. 540, Pine meadow 7 a. 330, Pine meadow 7 a. 310, Pine meadow 6 a. 285, plain lot $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200, wood 8 a. 160, R. Field pasture and sprout 43 a. 220, H. Stratton wood $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 75,	2620
Merriam, James, 1 poll.	
Merriam, Wm. E., 1 poll.	
Merriman, William W., 1 poll.	
2 horses 175, 14 cows 400, 1 cow 15, 2 yearlings 25, 4 swine 30,	645
1 house 250, 1 barn 125, 1 shed 75, sugar house 50, hog pen 50,	550
Home farm 116 a. 1250, Severance lot 6 a. 50 John- son lot 30 a. 180, M. D. Stratton lot 48 a. 200,	1680

Metcalf, Thomas, 1 poll.	
2 horses 150, 12 cows 360, 2 two-years old 35, 4 yearlings 50, 1 swine 10,	605
1 house 450, barn 475, tobacco barn 150,	1075
Home farm 40 a. 2100, T. J. Field lot 22 a. 950,	3050
Messer, William, 1 poll,	
Miller, Marcellius C., 1 poll.	
Miller, M. C., Mrs.	
1 house 250, barn 200, small barn 25, grist mill 25,	500
Home and mill lot 1 a. 100, Gilbert lot 5½ a. 25,	
Fay and Newton 16 a. 50, I. D. Battles lot 4 a. 80, Stimpson lot 30 a. 180,	435
Miller, Emulus O., 1 poll.	
Miller, Leonidus C., 1 poll.	
1 horse 65, 2 cows 60,	125
1 house 150, barn 50,	200
Home farm 6 a. 200, pine meadow 6 a. 275,	475
Minot, Rufus H., 1 poll.	
1 horse 30, 5 cows 100,	130
1 house 1100, barn 475, shed 150,	1725
Home lot 15 a. 2800, wood and pasture 87 a. 1200,	4000
Mixer, Elizabeth W., Mrs.	
1 house 800, barn 50, small tenement 150,	1000
Home lot ½ a. 100,	100
Moody, Calvin P., 1 poll.	
1 horse 20, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 5,	35
Moody, Antionett, Mrs.	
1 house 200, barn 100, shop 300,	600
Home lot 7 a. 700,	700
Moody, Medad A., 1 poll.	
1 horse 40, 2 cows 60,	100
1 house 1100, barn 150,	1250
Home lot 2¾ a. 800, mountain 5 a. 50, Alexander lot 2¼ a. 200,	1050
Moody, Clarence E. 1 poll.	
Moody, Betsy Mrs.	
½ house 550, ½ barn 275, ½ sheep barn 60, ½ horse barn 50,	935
Home lot 1¼ a. 500, Pachany meadow 2 a. 135, pasture 15 a. 170,	805

Moody, Edwin, 1 poll.

2 horses 150, 2 2-year old steers 40, 3 cows 90, 2 yearlings 20, 1 2-year old heifer 15, 12 sheep 35,	350
1 house 250, barn 75,	325
Home lot 1 a. 200, Pachany meadow $4\frac{1}{4}$ a. 335,	
Lyman lot 45 a. 400, Murdock pasture 103 a. 950,	1885

Moody, George F., 1 poll.

2 horses 175, 3 cows 90, 1 2-year old 15, 75 sheep 250, 1 swine 15,	545
$\frac{1}{2}$ house 550, $\frac{1}{2}$ barn 275, $\frac{1}{2}$ sheep barn 60, $\frac{1}{2}$ horse barn 50, tool and carriage house 100,	1035
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 500, Alexander lot 15 a. 600, Dickinson 50 a. 380, L. A. Moody 4 a. 260, Pachany meadow $9\frac{1}{4}$ a. 500, sprout $3\frac{3}{4}$ a. 25, L. Moody lot 7 a. 50, Pachany meadow $6\frac{1}{2}$ a. 420,	2735

Moody, George F. Mrs.

Pachany meadow $2\frac{3}{4}$ a. 150,	150
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Moody, Ambert G., 1 poll.

1 house 9000, barn 1600, shed 200,	10,800
Home lot $7\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1500,	1500

Moody, Dwight L., 1 poll.

Cash assets 19,000, 5 horses 500, 1 colt 100, 1 colt 60, 6 cows 180, 4 heifers 60, 1 sheep 5, 1 swine 10, 7 carriages 425, piano 150,	29,490
1 house 2200, barn 900, sheep barn 200, play house 50,	3350
Home lot 12 a. 2000, Pachany meadow 4 a. 300, Alexander lot 3 a. 550,	2850

Moore, Merrill T., 1 poll,

1 horse 140, 2 cows farrow 50, 1 yearling 10,	200
Ross lot 4 a. 250, Belcher pasture 15 a. 100, wood lot 15 a. 50,	400

Moore, L. W., Mrs.,

1 house 350, barn 200,	550
Home lot 2 a. 150,	150

Moore, William M., 1 poll,

Stock in trade 200, 1 horse 75, 1 three years old colt 70,	345
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Moore, Harrison,

1 house 125, barn 75,	200
Home lot $7\frac{1}{2}$ a. 300,	300

Montague, Henry W., 1 poll,

1 horse 75, 2 oxen 110, 5 cows 150, 1 cow 15, 1 heifer 15, 5 swine 30,	395
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1 house 600, 1 barn 285, 1 tobacco shed 100, corn house 50, hen house 50,	1065
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Home farm 37 a. 1000, swamp lot 18 a. 455, Pine meadow $11\frac{1}{2}$ a. 540 wood and timber $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150, wood and timber 11 a. 250, E. Stratton sprout lot 16 a. 75,	2470
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Morgan, Windsor L., 1 poll,

1 two years old heifer 15,	15
1 house 150, barn 75,	225
Home lot 7 a. 250,	250

Morgan, Nancy, Mrs.,

1 house 240, barn 100,	340
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50,	50

Morgan, Mary A.,

1 house 170,	170
Home lot $\frac{1}{8}$ a. 25,	25

Morgan, Frederick G., 1 poll,

1 horse 25, 3 cows 90, 1 cow 20, 1 two years old 15, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 15,	175
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1 house 350, barn 100, 1 shed 25,	475
Home farm 35 a. 600,	600

Morgan, John H., 1 poll.

1 horse 75, 3 cows 90, carriage 50,	215
1 house 800, barn 200, tobacco barn 70,	1070
Home lot 4 a. 700,	700

Morgan, Willie D., 1 poll.

1 horse 100, 3 cows 85, 1 swine 10, piano 100,	295
1 house 300, barn 100,	400

Home lot 18 a. 300, Doolittle lot $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50, mowing and tillage 10 a. 200,	550
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Morrison, Benjamin R., 1 poll.

1 horse 40, 1 cow 25,	65
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Moulton, Charles A., 1 poll.

Stock in trade 500, 1 horse 100, 2 oxen 120, carriage 100, organ 100,	920
1 house and store 450, barn 250, lumber building 200, lumber shed 150, corn barn 50, old shed 25,	1125
Home lot 4 a. 300,	300

Murdock, George E., 1 poll.

1 horse 50, 2 cows 60, 1 swine 5,	115
1 house 100, barn 25,	125
Home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 25,	25

Murdock, Edward B., 1 poll.

Murdock, Isaac, 1 poll.

1 horse 100, 2 oxen 110, 5 cows 150, 3 cows farrow 60, 2 two-years old steers 40, 2 two-years old heifers 30, 16 yearlings 160, 2 swine 20,	670
1 house 300, barn and shed 200, horse barn 125, shop 100,	725
Home farm 50 a. 800, Richard's farm 68 a. 400, Hammond lot 12 a. 75,	1275

Murphy, John H., 1 poll.

1 cow 30, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 10,	50
1 house 275, barn 75,	350
Home lot 3 a. 225,	225

Murphy, John, 1 poll.

Mobey, Augustus, 1 poll.

McHugh, Peter, 1 poll.

McHugh, Thomas, 1 poll.

1 horse 25, 3 cows 75, 1 yearling 10, 4 swine 25,	135
1 house 400, 1 barn 50,	450
Home farm 14 a. 500,	500

Moody, D. L. and Mrs. Singer.

2 houses 2400,	2400
H. W. Webster lot 10 a. 500,	500

Northfield Creamery Co.

Machinery 200.	200
Creamery building 1200, ice house and stable 300,	1500
Creamery lot 1 a. 100,	100

Nash, Judah, 1 poll.

2 horses 120, 7 cows 175, 5 2 years old 75, 2 yearlings 20, 3 swine 15,	405
1 house 550, 1 barn 220, tobacco barn 150, horse barn 100, corn barn 50,	1070
Home farm 46 a. 950, wood and pasture 40 a. 700, meadow lot 6 a. 285, meadow lot 5 a. 235, Titus meadow 5½ a. 260,	2430

Nash, Edward C., 1 poll.

1 horse 40, 4 cows 120, 2 2 years old heifers 30, 2 yearlings 25, 4 swine 30, 1 organ 100,	345
1 house 450, barn 150, corn barn 25,	625
Home farm 79½ a. 900, Titus meadow 5½ a. 260	1160

Newton, James S., 1 poll.

Newton, Edward H., 1 poll.

2 horses 100, 2 cows 60, 2 2 years old heifers 30, 2 swine 10,	200
1 house 310, barn 120,	430
Home farm 7 a. 200,	200

Nimes, Kirk E., 1 poll.

Nye, John E., 1 poll.

Nye, Landman, 1 poll.

2 horses 60, 4 cows 120, 1 two years' old heifer 15,	195
1 house 325, barn 100,	425
Home farm 17 a. 350, Pine meadow 20 a. 800,	1150

Northfield Seminary.

1 house 100,	100
Colton lot 35 a. 1500,	1500

Northfield Hotel Co.

Hotel building 20,000, lodging house 200, barn 200, ice house 100,	20500
Hotel company's land 61 a. 3800,	3800

Osgood, Warren S., 1 poll.

2 horses 60, 9 cows 270, 2 three years' old 50, 4 swine 30,	410
1 house 350, barn 250, horse barn 100, shed 75,	775
Home farm 75 a. 850, Patterson lot 14 a. 560,	1410

Osgood, Charles, 1 poll.

1 piano 150,	150
1 house 1300, 1 store 600, barn 150,	2050
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200,	200

O'Keefe, Cornelius, 1 poll.

1 cow 30,	30
1 house 225, barn 50,	275
Home lot 1 a. 225,	225

O'Keefe, Daniel, 1 poll.

1 cow 30, 1 yearling 10,	40
1 house 200, barn 50,	250
Home lot 1 a. 100,	100

O'Keefe, Edward, 1 poll.

1 cow 30,	30
1 horse 100,	100
Home lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200,	200

Parker, Henry B., 1 poll,

2 horses 180, 4 cows 110, 4 yearlings 40, 1 organ 30,	360
1 house 175, barn 200, 1 sash and blind shop 200,	
cider mill 25,	600
Home lot $25\frac{3}{4}$ a. 600,	600

Parker, H. B., Mrs.

Grove lot 18 a. 200,	200
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Parker, Charles, 1 poll.

Parsons, Albert C., 1 poll,

1 horse 75, carriage 75, piano 100, organ 60,	310
1 house 800, barn 240, old store 100, new store 900,	2040
Home lot 4 a. 800, Great meadow 18 a. 1450, Burrows lot 20 a. 100,	2350

Parsons, Herbert C., 1 poll.

Parsons and Stearns.

Stock in trade 3000, 1 horse 75,	3075
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Preold, Frank, 1 poll,

1 horse 75,	75
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Ppilips, Rufus, 1 poll,

1 horse 30, 2 cows 55, 1 swine 5,	90
1 house 200, barn 75,	275
Home farm 55 a. 300,	300

Philips, A. Judson, 1 poll,
1 horse 75, carriage 50, piano 150, 275

Phelps, William H. 1 poll.
1 horse 40, 5 cows 150, 1 two years old 15, 1 yearling
10, 1 sheep 3, 1 carriage 50, 268
1 house 1000, barn 200, shed 200, 1400
Home lot 3 a. 800, Sage hollow 1½ a. 50, Mattoon lot 12
a. 150, wood and pasture 7 a. 150, Great meadow
8 a. 640, Mattoon lot 6 a. 170, McHugh lot 20 a.
220, 2180

Pierce, Joseph B., 1 poll.
2 horses 100, 2 cows 60, 1 two years old, heifer 15, 2
swine 15, 190
1 house 150, 1 barn 70, 1 house 400, 1 barn 200, 1
shed 50, 870
Home farm 45 a. 250, Page farm 50 a. 850, 1100

Pierce, Philander, 1 poll,
1 horse 50, 4 cows 120, 170
1 house 150, barn 75, 225
Home farm 90 a. 475, Fielding pasture 26 a. 225, 700

Pierce, Willis E., 1 poll.

Pierce, William W., 1 poll,
1 horse 100, carriage 50, 150
Parkman lot 40 a. 300, 300

Pickett, Otis G., 1 poll.

Pickett, Almon L., 1 poll.

Pickett, Otis G. and A. L.,
2 horses 150, 1 cow farrow 25, 1 two years old heif-
er 15, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 15, steam boiler and
engine 150, 365
1 house 300, barn 75, grist and saw mill 800, 1175
Home lot 4 a. 125, mill privilege 20 a. 200, 325

Piggott, Patrick, 1 poll.

Piggott, James, 1 poll,
2 horses 200, 1 yearling colt 50, 1 cow 30, 280
1 house 300, 1 barn 100, 400
Home lot 11½ a. 385, Gilbert & Battles lot 3½ a.
125, 510

Piggott, Michael, 1 poll,	
1 horse 50, 2 cows 60,	110
1 house 175, barn 75,	250
Home lot 10 a. 450,	450

Piper, William F., 1 poll,	
1 horse 80, 3 cows 90, 2 two years old steers 35, 1 swine 10,	215
1 house 220, barn 100,	320
Home farm 60 a. 360, old Cray 40 a. 150,	510

Piper, William E., 1 poll,	
2 horses 140,	140

Piper, George W., 1 poll,	
1 horse 75,	75

Piper, James H., 1 poll.

Piper, Charles N., 1 poll.

Pomeroy, Charles, 1 poll.	
2 horses 200, 4 cows 120, 10 cows farrow 200, 5 2- year old heifers 75, 5 yearlings 50, 8 swine 40,	685
1 house 1100, 1 barn 325, horse barn 240, tobacco barn 200,	1865
Home lot 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 1000, Great meadow 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 985, Fiskett & Webb pasture 32 a. 355, Mattoon lot 54 a. 190, Alexander lot 8 a. 175, old Cray 30 a. 90, Brown plain 5 a. 100, Evans wood and pas- ture 36 a. 100, Perry farm 50 a. 900, Young pas- ture 119 a. 900, Minot lot 13 a. 50,	4845

Pomeroy, Charles R., 1 poll.	
1 horse 35, 5 cows 140, 1 yearling 10, 1 piano 100, carriage 50,	335
1 house 1100, barn 200, barn 100,	1400
Home lot 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 600, Hastings meadow 6 a. 500,	1100

Pomeroy, Mary.	
$\frac{1}{2}$ house 65,	65
Great meadow 5 a. 430,	430

Pomeroy, Laura.	
$\frac{1}{2}$ house 65,	65
Great meadow 5 a. 430,	430
Porter, Israel.	
1 house 100, barn 75,	175
Home farm 46 a. 300,	300
Podlinksey, Joseph, 1 poll.	
Pratt, Edwin A., 1 poll.	
Cash assets 150, 1 organ 50,	200
Pratt, William B., 1 poll.	
1 horse 50, 2 cows 60,	110
1 house 120, barn 50,	170
Home lot $22\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150, Stevens lot 17 a. 95,	245
Preston, Dwight L., 1 poll.	
Preston, John A., 1 poll.	
Preston, Jonathan L., 1 poll.	
1 house 350, barn 150,	500
Home farm 25 a. 550, Caldwell lot 45 a. 350, wood brush and swamp, 22 a. 75, Stewart wood lot 16 a. 145,	1120
Preston, Pitts W., 1 poll.	
2 horses 130, 9 cows 270, 3 two-years old 45, 2 yearlings 20, 3 swine 25,	490
Purple, Elizabeth and Georgie.	
2 horses 50, 6 cows 180, 2 two-years old 30, 3 year- lings 30, 1 swine 10,	300
1 house 500, 1 barn 800,	1300
Home lot 49 a. 2700, lot west of road 12 a. 420, Wait lot 64 a. 300, Dickinson lot 27 a. 150,	3570
Quinlan, John J., 1 poll.	
Quinlan, Thomas.	
3 horses 350, 3 cows 90, 2 yearlings 20, 16 sheep 45,	505
1 house 225, 1 barn 250, 1 barn 75,	550
Home lot $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 190, Great meadow $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 130, E. O. Purple meadow $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. 800, Everett lot $9\frac{3}{4}$ a. 800, wood and pasture 21 a. 200, Shepardon pasture 7 a. 120, Rosswood 10 a. 125,	2365

Randall, Joel, Est.

1 house 425, barn 175, tobacco barn 75,	675
Home farm $3\frac{1}{2}$ a. 285, Great meadow $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. 775,	
Johnson pasture 16 a. 125,	1185

Randall, Clarence A., 1 poll.

Reed, Chauncey W., 1 poll.

1 horse 50, 2 cows 60,	110
1 house 300, 1 barn 150,	450
Home lot 4 a. 150, Callender pasture 25 a. 150,	300

Reed, William M., 1 poll.

1 house 225, 1 barn 60,	285
Home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50,	50

Reed, Thomas F., 1 poll.

Reed, George H.,

1 house 350, 1 barn 100, 1 house 250, 1 barn 100,	
1 house 100,	900
1 home lot 1 a. 50, 1 home lot 1 a. 100, Priest lot	
3 a. 200,	350

Robbins, John H., 1 poll.

1 horse 90, 3 cows 90, 1 swine 5,	185
1 house 285, barn 100,	385
Home lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 120, plain $6\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200,	320

Robbins, Herbert E., 1 poll.

Robbins, Charles L., 1 poll.

1 horse 25, 2 oxen 100, 6 cows 150, 1 two years' old	
15, 2 yearlings 20, 2 sheep 5, 2 swine 15,	330
1 house 170, barn 100, hog house 20,	290
Home farm 130 a. 1140,	1140

Ross, Peter H., 1 poll.

1 cow 30,	30
1 house 200, barn 25,	225
Home lot 3 a. 200,	200

Ross, Frank H., 1 poll.

Ross, John S., 1 poll.

Ross, William W., 1 poll.

1 horse 60,	60
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Revinious, George F., 1 poll.

Rice, Arthur A., 1 poll.

1 horse 125, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 10, 1 piano 50,	215
1 house 300, barn 100,	400
Home farm 38½ a. 500,	500

Rugg, Edwin C., 1 Poll.

1 horse 100, 3 oxen 180, 1 cow 30, 1 yearling 10, 2 swine 20,	340
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Ruggles, Samuel, 1 poll.

2 horses 80, 4 cows 120. 3 two years old heifers, 45,	245
1 house 175, barn 150,	325
Home lot 7 a. 150, east of road 23 a. 500, Packard lot 3 a. 50,	700

Ruggles, Frederick W., 1 poll.

Russell, Edmund E., 1 poll.

Sawyer, Samuel K., 1 poll.

2 oxen 105,	105
Wood and sprout 15 a. 50, Belcher lot 13 a. 100,	150

Sankey, Ira D.

2 horses 325, 1 horse 90, 1 carriage 125, piano 150,	690
1 house 1200, barn 450, ice house 50, Cook house 400,	2100
Home lot ¾ a. 400, Cook lot 4 a. 800, Quinlan lot 1¼ a. 50, Mattoon lot 27 a. 1200,	2450

Severance, Nelson, 1 poll.

1 house 400, 1 barn 200,	600
Home farm 87 a. 1200, Mattoon lot 7½ a. 275,	1475

Severance, Harris, 1 poll.

1 horse 75, 2 cows 60,	135
1 house 400, barn 200,	600
Home farm 28 a. 600, G. Simonds lot 32 a. 375,	975

Shepardson, Alonzo W., 1 poll.

1 horse 50, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 10,	120
1 house 75, 1 barn 25, 1 house 200, barn 100,	400
Home farm 52 a. 200, old Cray 28 a. 100, home farm 26 a. 360,	660

Shepardson, Charles W., 1 poll.

1 horse 40, 1 cow 30,	70
1 house 900, barn 150,	1050
Home lot $2\frac{3}{4}$ a 450, great meadow 6 a. 500,	950

Simonds, Dwight M. Mrs.

1 house 300, 1 barn 120,	420
Home farm 28 a. 570, Dutton pasture 6 a. 75, Doo- little pasture 12 a. 100,	745

Simonds, Fred H., 1 poll.

1 horse 65, 4 cows 120, 3 yearlings 30, 1 organ 40,	255
1 house 250, barn 100, old house 25,	375
Home farm 28 a. 430, Simonds farm 26 a. 770,	1200

Simonds, Ralph A., 1 poll.

1 horse 20, 1 cow 25, 1 two years old 15,	60
1 house 125, barn 25,	150
Home lot 20 a. 350, Dutton lot 6 a. 50,	400

Simonds, Frank R., 1 poll.

1 horse 25,	25
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Slate, Oscar E., 1 poll.

1 two years old heifer 15,	15
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Smith, John W.

1 house 150, barn 100, tobacco barn 50,	300
Home lot $6\frac{3}{4}$ a. 100, Pine meadow $14\frac{1}{4}$ a. 370,	470

Smith, Lyman S., 1 poll.

2 horses 40, 1 cow 30,	70
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Smith, John D., 1 poll.

1 two years old heifer 20, 1 swine 8,	28
1 house 150, 1 barn 50,	200
Home lot 4 a. 200,	200

Smith, Leonard R., 1 poll.

2 horses 100, 5 cows 150, 4 two years old 60, 1 carriage 75,	385
1 house 1400, barn 150,	1550
Home lot $3\frac{3}{4}$ a. 1250, East Highland Ave. 19 a. 950,	2200

Smith, Lafayette H., 1 poll.

2 horses 150, 1 cow 30, 9 sheep 30, piano 75, car- riage 50,	335
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Smith, Lafayette H., Mrs.	
1 house 500, barn 225, sheep barn and hen house 50,	775
Home lot 3 a. 525,	525
Smith, Edward W., 1 poll.	
1 horse 25, 1 cow farrow 20,	46
Home lot 11½ a. 300,	300
Smith, Elisha A., 1 poll.	
1 horse 100, 2 cows 60, 1 two years old heifer 15, 1 yearling 10,	185
1 house 150, barn 75,	225
Home farm 34 a. 360,	260
Smith, William, 1 poll.	
1 horse 15, 1 two years old old heifer 15,	30
Smith, Hugh, 1 p oll.	
1 horse 25, 1 yearling 10,	35
Smith, Alice Mrs.,	
1 cow 25,	25
Smith, Willie H., 1 poll.	
Stearnes, Charles C., 1 poll.	
1 horse 50.	50
Stearnes, Fred G., 1 poll.	
1 horse 125,	125
Stearnes, Charles H., 1 poll.	
3 cows 90, 1 two years old 15, piano 50,	155
1 house 800, barn 250, distillery 50,	1100
Home lot ¾ a. 200, school house lot 10 a. 300,	
Jones lot 10 a. 50, J. Lyman lot 60 a. 570, H. Field 9 a. 150, Commonwealth 10 a. 100, sprout lot 9 a. 45, R. Stratton 7 a. 50, sugar lot 13 a. 100,	1565
Stearnes, Marshall S., 1 poll.	
Stearnes, Albert D., 1 poll.	
2 cows 60,	60
1 house 700, 1 barn 200, 1 shop 100,	1000
Home lot 7/8 a. 200, Stevens' meadow 7 ½ a. 200, mountain 7 a. 30, wood and pasture 15 a. 150,	
George Stearnes 7 ½ a. 260, Morgan 2 a. 80,	920

Stearnes, Albert D. Mrs.	
1 horse 75,	75
Hooper lot 108 a. 420, swamp lot 1 a. 50, George	
A. Stearnes 6½ a. 175,	645
Stearnes, George A., 1 poll.	
3 horses 130, 1 cow 30, 1 sheep 2, 1 swine 5,	167
1 house 200, barn 125,	325
Home lot 5 a. 360, sprout lot 25 a. 100, J. Lyman	
14 a. 60,	520
Stebbins, John H., 1 Poll.	
1 horse, 100,	100
Stebbins, Henry P., 1 poll.	
1 horse 25, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 10,	95
1 house 100, barn 75,	175
Home lot 11 a. 340,	340
Stebbins, Clark, 1 poll.	
Stebbins, Frances A.,	
1 cow 30,	30
1 house 300, barn 50,	350
Home lot 1½ a. 50, pasture 5 a. 100,	150
Stebbins, George R., 1 poll.	
1 horse 25, 1 cow farrow 20, 1 organ 50, carriage 50,	145
Stebbins, Eva I.,	
Great meadow lot 6 a. 550.	550
Stevens, Frank S., 1 poll.	
Stebbins, Charles W., 1 Poll.	
Stimpson, Frank E.	
1 horse 100, 1 cow 30, 2 swine 15,	145
Stevens, George S. 1 poll.	
1 horse 25, 2 cows 60, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 10,	105
1 house 100, barn 60,	160
Home lot 9 a. 100, Pomeroy lot 9½ a. 200,	300
Stevens, Austin M. 1 poll.	
1 horse 20, 2 cows 50,	70
1 house 100, 1 barn 75, Baldwin house 75, barn 25,	275
Doolittle lot 5 a. 50, home lot 6¼ a. 150, Baldwin lot,	
1½ a. 20,	220

Stimpson, Henry W. 1 poll.	
2 horses 100, 3 cows 75, 2 three year old steers, 50,	225
Stimpson, Henry W., Mrs.	
1 house 125, barn 60,	185
Home farm 14 a. 280, Chas. Moore lot 28 a. 300,	580
Stimpson, Perley B., 1 poll.	
1 horse 125, 1 cow 30,	155
Stimpson, Charles H., 1 poll.	
1 cow farrow 20, 1 yearling 10,	30
Stimpson, Jonathan R.	
1 house 190, barn 70,	260
Home lot 18 a. 160,	160
Stockbridge, Frank J., 1 poll.	
1 horse 75, 1 two years old colt 60, 4 cows 120, 1 two years old heifer 15, 1 yearling 10,	280
1 house 600, barn 350, shop 50, tobacco barn 100,	1100
Home lot 12 a. 1000,	1000
Stickney, Samuel. 1 poll.	
1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, 1 two years old heifer 20,	100
1 house 275, barn 175, 1 barn 50,	500
Home farm 26 a. 1460, Stratton lot 36 a. 150,	1610
Strange William, 1 poll.	
1 horse 25, 1 cow 25, 1 two years old 15, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 5,	80
1 house 100, barn 30,	130
Home lot 19 a. 150,	150
Stratton, Albert S. 1 poll.	
1 horse 125,	125
1 house 1500, barn 300, ice house 75,	1875
Home lot $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 865, F. Stratton lot 78 a. 650, Calla- han lot, $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 50, cow pasture $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. 150,	1715
Stratton & Preston.	
1 horse 70, 6 cows 165, 2 cows farrow 40, 2 two years old 30, 1 yearling 10, 1 swine 10,	325
1 house 600, barn 300,	900
Home lot $25\frac{3}{4}$ a. 1000,	1000

Stratton, Wright, 1 poll.

2 horses 250, 1 cow farrow 20,	270
1 house 300, Lord house 1000, barn 250,	1550
Lord home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 570, wood and swamp 8 a. 70,	
Alexander meadow $5\frac{1}{2}$ a. 415,	1055

Stratton, Roswell, 1 poll.

1 cow 30,	30.
1 house 150, barn 50,	200
Home lot $2\frac{1}{4}$ a. 170,	170

Stratton, Henry, 1 poll.

One house 170, barn 50,	220
Home lot $2\frac{1}{4}$ 70,	70

Stratton, Elisha, 1 poll.

1 horse 60, 4 cows 120, 11 sheep 35,	215
1 house 240, barn 200, horse barn 75,	515
Home farm 83 a. 1660, pasture 58 a. 350, sprout lot 12 a. 50,	2060

Stratton, Sumner, 1 poll.

2 horses 300, 5 cows 150, 1 cow farrow 20,	470
1 house 425, barn 190, horse barn and shed 75,	690
Home farm 83 a. 1050, Morgan lot 14 a. 475,	1525

Stratton, William H., 1 poll,

2 horses 125, 5 cows 150, 2 2 years old heifers 30, 4 swine 20, piano 50,	375
1 house 500, barn 225, tobacco shed 100, corn, car- riage and hog barn 100, old house 50,	975
Home farm 44 a. 1290, Pine meadow 6 a. 285, Pine meadow 8 a. 360, wood lot 18 a. 550, Smith lot $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 40,	2525

Stratton, Clarence W., 1 poll.

Stratton, J. Dowsman, 1 poll.

Stratton, Ellen, Mrs.

1 house 1200, barn 300,	1500
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 300,	300

Streeter, David D., 1 poll.

2 horses 200, 4 cows 120,	320
A. A. Rice lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 15,	15

Streeter, Irving H., 1 poll.

Streeter, Benjamin F. 1 poll.

2 horses 100, 1 yearling colt 50, 4 cows 100, 3 yearling heifers 30, 2 yearling steers 20, 1 swine 10,	310
1 house 150, 1 barn 200, old barn 25, 1 small house 50, barn 20,	445
Home farm 125 a. 1250, Wardwell lot 50 a. 265, Lyman lot 28 a. 150, Lord 25 a. 150, Lord lot 12 a. 60,	1875

Segymon, Peso, 1 poll.

Sykes, Catharine.

1 house 100, 1 barn 20,	120
Home lot 1 a. 20,	20

Thomas, Frederick A., 1 poll.

1 house 300,	300
Home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 100,	100

Thomas, John E., 1 poll.

Thornton, Eber, 1 poll.

Titus, Sumner G., 1 poll.

2 horses 100, 1 2 years old colt 60, 2 cows 60, 1 cow farrow 20, 1 yearling heifer 10, 2 oxen 125, 1 swine 10,	385
1 house 350, barn 150,	500
Home lot 16 a. 300,	300

Titus, Nancy L. Mrs.

Sprout lot 10 a. 75,	75
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Titus, Sumner, estate.

1 house 350, barn 150, shed and horse barn 75, wagon shed 75,	650
Home farm 27 a. 550, pasture 33 a. 200, plain lot 18 a. 540, wood lot 9 a. 150, house lot West Northfield 1 a. 10, Doolittle lot 25 a. 100,	1600

Tufts, Warren B., 1 poll.

1 cow 30,	30
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Turner, Frank H., 1 poll.

1 horse 75, 8 sheep 30, 1 swine 5,	110
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Turner, Addison, estate.

1 house 240, barn 25,	265
Home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200,	200

Turner, Frederick H., 1 poll.

1 horse 70, 1 cow 30,	100
1 house 250, shop 125, hen house 50,	425
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 70,	70

Twine, Jerry, 1 poll.

2 horses 80, 1 cow 30, 1 swine 10,	120
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Trinitarian Society.

1 house 600, barn 100,	700
Home lot 4 a. 400, Phelps lot 2 a. 250,	650

Towner, B. D.

1 house 1800, barn 400,	2200
Home lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 750,	750

Volve, John J., 1 poll.

2 horses 150, 1 2 years old colt 60, 1 cow 30, 2 year- lings 20, 2 swine 10,	270
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Warden, Charles S., 1 poll.

2 horses 100, carriage 50, piano 75,	225
1 house 325, barn 150, 1 house 250, barn 50, hen house 50,	825
Home lot 2 a. 80, Webb lot 60 a. 150, Starkey home lot 7 a. 140,	370

Ward, Henry M., 1 poll.

1 horse 100, 2 cows 60,	160
1 house 380, barn 150,	530
Home lot 5 a. 380, Great meadow 11 a. 650,	1030

Ward, Rollin C., 1 poll.

1 horse 50, carriage 50,	100
1 house 1500, barn and shed 350,	1750
Home lot $2\frac{3}{4}$ a. 550,	550

Wall, James, 1 poll.

1 cow 30,	30
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Wall, Addison, 1 poll,

Wood and pasture 204 a. 875,	875
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Ware, Clinton A., 1 poll.

3 horses 200, 5 cows 150, 1 cow farrow 15, 3 3-years old steers 90, 5 2-years-old 70, 4 yearlings 40, 2 swine 20, 1 piano 75,	660
1 house 700, barn 400, 2 sheep sheds 100, tobacco barn 75, corn barn 75, wagon house and hog pen 60,	1410
Home farm 52 a. 2840, plain lot 15 a. 180, Jones lot 5 a. 240,	3260

Webster, Lewis T., 1 poll.

1 horse 40, carriage 65,	105
1 house 1200, barn 500, wagon shed 50, store 1600, tin shop 250,	3600
Home lot 1 a. 600, Whitmore lot 25 a. 120, store lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 200, Stevens pasture 12 a. 85, ditch lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50, swamp pasture 18 a. 175, meadow side hill 4 a. 190, Cook lot 127 a. 300, Darling lot $5\frac{3}{4}$ a. 1000,	2720

Webster, Charles H., 1 poll.

1 horse 100, piano 175,	275
1 house 1200,	1200

Webster, L. T. & C. H.

Stock in trade 3000, 1 horse 70,	3070
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Webster, Frank A., 1 poll.

2 horses 160, 3 cows 90,	250
1 house 600, barn 200, canning building 100, store house and shop 75,	975
Home lot $9\frac{3}{4}$ a. 950, Webb meadow 8 a. 520,	1470

Webster, Charles E., 1 poll.

1 horse 75, 4 cows 120, 3 2 years old 45, 3 yearlings 30, 3 swine 20,	290
1 house 750, barn 125, tobacco barn 150,	1025
Home lot $1\frac{1}{4}$ a. 300, first division 80 a. 800, little meadow $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 175, Burt lot $7\frac{1}{2}$ a. 380, side hill 2 a. 30,	1685

Webster, Henry W., 1 poll.	
Stock in trade 500, 7 horses 825, 1 two years old heifer 25, 5 swine 40, 5 carriages 280, 1 piano 100,	1770
1 house 700, barn and shed 300, grist mill 1500, store house 100, blacksmith shop and cider mill 300, jelly building 50, 1 old house 100, wheel wright shop 50,	3100
Home lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200, mill privilege 1 a. 550, cider mill privilege 2 a. 200,	950
Webster, Geo. W., 1 poll.	
1 horse 40,	40
Wells, Hermon E., 1 poll.	
1 sheep 5,	5
Wells, Moses H., 1 poll.	
1 horse 80, carriage 50, piano 75,	205
1 house 1400, barn 300, sheds 100,	1800
Home lot $2\frac{3}{4}$ a. 700,	700
Weatherhead, Sanford W., 1 poll.	
1 horse 80, 1 cow 30, 1 swine 5,	115
1 house 300, barn 125, wagon shop 25,	450
Home lot 4 a. 250, Sawyer pasture 8 a. 135,	385
Wentworth, John P., 1 poll.	
1 horse 60, 4 cows 120, 3 cows farrow 60, 1 two years old 15, 3 yearlings 30, 2 swine 15,	300
1 house 325, barn 250,	575
Home farm 92 a. 855, Coy pasture 35 a. 285,	1140
Wentworth, George P., 1 poll.	
Weeks, Mahlon C., 1 poll.	
1 horse 75, 4 cows 100,	175
Whithed, Franklin, 1 poll.	
1 horse 60, 2 cows 60,	120
1 house 170, barn 100,	270
Home farm 20 a. 240, Wigwam lot 21 a. 170,	410
Whitaker, Amos, 1 poll.	
2 horses 150, 1 cow farrow 20, 2 2 years old heifers 30, 1 swine 5,	205
1 house 275, 1 barn 100, tobacco shed 70,	445
Home farm 25 a. 525, Severance lot 10 a. 300,	825

Whitaker, William, 1 poll.

2 horses 70, 2 cows 60, 6 2 years old heifers 90, 5 swine 40,	260
1 house 300, barn 150, corn barn 50,	500
Home lot 12 a. 350, Pine meadow 8 a. 380, Pine meadow 6 a. 270, Alexander lot 6 a. 270, pasture and wood 14 a. 350,	1620

Whitaker, Clinton W., 1 poll.

Whitaker, Albert, 1 poll.

2 horses 200, 3 cows 90, 1 swine 8,	298
1 house 400, barn 300, shed 75, wagon house and corn barn 50,	825
Home farm 15 a. 840, Pine meadow 12 a. 600,	1440

Whitaker, Charles A., 1 poll.

White, Sabin A., 1 poll.

1 horse 40,	40
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Whitney, Clarence A., 1 poll.

Wheelock, William W., 1 poll.

1 horse 60,	60
1 house 100, barn 50,	150
Home lot 1 a. 50,	50

White, Emery E., 1 poll.

Wiley, Nelson O., 1 poll.

Wiles, Stephen G., 1 poll.

2 horses 90, 6 cows 170, 2 swine 15,	275
1 house 500, barn 300, 1 house 300, 1 small house 50, tobacco barn 100,	1250
Home farm 96 a. 1500,	1500

Witt, George F., 1 poll.

1 piano 75,	75
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Woodard, Frances H., 1 poll.

Cash assets 600,	600
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Woodard, Joseph S., 1 poll.

1 cow 30,	30
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Wood, Oscar, 1 poll,

1 horse 50, 1 swine 10,	60
1 house 300, barn 150, saw and grist mill 500,	950
Home lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50, mill privilege 3 a. 100,	150

Wood & Simonds.

8 cows 200, 2 swine 10,	210
1 house 200, barn 150, ice house 25,	375
Home farm 80 a. 800, pasture and wood 30 a. 180,	
pasture and wood 18 a. 120, brush lot 26 a. 190,	
brush lot 11 a. 150,	1440

Wood, Frank V., 1 poll.

2 horses 225, 1 yearling heifer 10, 1 organ 40,	275
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Wood, Norman P., 1 poll.

2 horses 175, 1 piano 75,	250
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Worden, Elbert A., 1 poll.

Wright, Willie M., 1 poll.

Wright, Henry, 2d, 1 poll.

1 horse 50, 1 cow 30, 1 cow farrow 20,	100
1 house 700, barn 175, wagon house and shed 125,	1000
Home lot $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 300, Great meadow 5 a. 400, wood	
and brush 7 a. 50,	750

Wright, Henry, 1 poll.

2 horses 150, 1 cow farrow 25, 8 two years old	
steers 160, 12 yearlings 125, 3 swine 20,	480
1 house 750, barn 300, 1 shed 150, corn barn 100,	
tobacco barn 100, 1 house 300, barn 75,	1775
Home lot 9 a. 1800, Meadow Point and side hill 7	
a. 550, pasture and wood 20 a. 275, Swan past-	
ure 50 a. 200, Great meadow 4 a. 400, Plain 22	
a. 600, Farnsworth home lot 1 a. 150, Dutton	
pasture 50 a. 400, sprout land 20 a. 40, Page	
Meadow lot $4\frac{3}{4}$ a. 360,	4775

Wright, Warren J., 1 poll.

3 horses 200, 2 cows 60, 4 cows farrow 80, 3 two	
years old 45, 3 yearlings 30,	415
1 house 600, 1 barn 350, tobacco barn 100,	1050
Home lot 12 a. 725, plain 17 a. 335, Great meadow	
$2\frac{3}{4}$ a. 220, Great meadow $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200, plain lot	
$5\frac{1}{4}$ a. 455,	1935

Wright, Phinehas, 1 poll.

Wright, Francis H., 1 poll.	
2 horses 200, 2 cows 60, 1 carriage 75, piano 150,	485
1 house 1400, barn 300, corn barn 50,	1750
Home lot $4\frac{3}{4}$ a. 1140, Great meadow 5 a. 400,	
Matoon lot $3\frac{3}{4}$ a. 300, Green pasture and wood 55 a.	
725, Dutton pasture 8 a. 120,	2685
Wright, Martha, Miss.	
Great meadow $5\frac{3}{4}$ a. 460,	460
Wright, Mary, Mrs.	
1 house 200, barn 25,	225
Home lot 12 a. 190,	190
Central Vermont Railroad Co.	
1 house 250,	250
Depot grounds Northfield 2 a. 300, at Northfield	
Farms 1 a. 100,	400
Connecticut River Railroad Co.	
Engine house 1000, 1 house 200, water building 100,	1300
Railroad land $1\frac{1}{2}$ a. 125, house lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50, land at	
Mt. Hermon station $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 100,	275
First Parish, Northfield.	
Tillage and pasture O. T. Greenleaf est. 150 a. 750,	750

NON-RESIDENTS.

Alexander, Henry, Jr., heirs.	
Pachany meadow 13 a. 700, mountain lot 9 a. 150,	
wood land 9 a. 225, wood and pasture 18 a. 225,	1300
Aldrich, Samuel.	
Sprout lot 5 a. 40,	40
Allen, James.	
Tillage and pasture 20 a. 650,	650
Barber, Edward.	
Burt lot $5\frac{1}{2}$ a. 400,	400
Ball, A. W.	
Foskett lot 18 a. 125,	125
Bartholomew, Phebe.	
Brush and wood 40 a. 500,	500

Barber, George F.

Tyler lot 30 a. 150, Dickinson sprout lot 30 a. 200, Streeter lot 27 a. 200,	550
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Bangs, John, Mrs.

1 house 250, barn 100,	350
Home farm 30 a. 450,	450

Barrett, John A.

1 house 200,	200
Home farm 20 a. 300,	300

Brown, Lowell W.

Mountain lot 35 a. 100, Sanders lot 55 a. 165,	265
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Bruce, Charles E.

1 horse 60, 1 swine 10,	70
1 house 600, barn 100,	700
Home lot 4 a. 300,	300

Burrows, George.

Tillage and wood 60 a. 900,	900
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Burrows, Horace, Mrs.

Plain land 20 a. 120,	120
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Burrows, Nelson.

Pasture 33 a. 400, Merrill sprout lot 23 a. 150,	550
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Burrows, Baxter P.

Dean lot 5 a. 35, J. D. Canning lot 7 1/2 a. 50,	85
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Chapin, Myron, estate.

1 house 250, barn 150,	400
Home farm 100 a. 900, Field lot 4 a. 40,	940

Colton, Alorzo.

Mountain wood 6 1/2 a. 200,	200
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Cushman, Loren P.

Pasture lot 45 a. 275,	275
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Dale, John.

1 house 200, barn 100, tobacco barn 50,	350
Home lot 12 a. 430, wood lot 20 a. 500,	930

Dickinson, Elijah M.

1 horse 125, 3 cows 90, 3 cows farrow 60, 2 swine 15, carriage 50,	340
1 house 400, barn 150, corn barn 125, hop house 40,	715
Home lot east road 14 a. 550, house lot 2 1/2 a. 100, second Moose plain 28 a. 575, wood lot 28 a. 580, Blake lot 2 1/2 a. 20, Hurlburt lot 15 a. 150, Prindle 11 1/2 a. 100, Hunt lot 29 a. 300, Barrett lot 16 a. 200,	2575

Dickinson, Ansel.

Stock in trade 800, machinery 1000,	1800
Steam saw mill 300,	300
Page timber lot 41 a. 400,	400

Delvey, George E.

Wood lot 11 1/2 a. 250,	250
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Delvey, Chester W., heirs.

Purple sprout lot 15 a. 100, wood lot 6 a. 50,	150
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Dennis & Delvey.

Johnson lot 80 a. 240,	240
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Doolittle, Hiram, heirs.

Green lot 25 a. 175,	175
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Durkee, Lorrison C.

5 horses 500, 2 cows 100, 1 yearling 25, carriage 100,	
1 carriage 50, 1 boat 100, 1 boat engine 50,	925
1 house 800, barn 300, carriage house 100,	1200
Home farm 13 a. 500,	500

Doolittle, George, Mrs., heirs.

1 barn 50,	50
Home farm 28 a. 200,	200

Dresser, James A., Mrs.

1 house 200, barn 75,	275
Home farm 100 a. 400,	400

Fisher, John A., Jr.

Alexander lot 11 a. 175, Pachany meadow 1 a. 40,	215
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Farnsworth, Frank.

1 horse 20, 3 cows 90, 5 swine 35,	145
1 house 100, barn 50, cider mill 25,	175
Home lot 16 1/2 a. 200,	200

Gates, Edson.	
1 house 200, barn 50,	250
Home lot 5 a. 120,	120
Gaines, Benjamin A.	
Kendall & Knight sprout lot, 12 a. 75,	75
Goodnow, Osceolo.	
Great Swamp lot, 20 a. 200,	200
Goreley, Charles P.	
2 oxen 100, 2 cows 50, 2 swine 10, 1 horse 20,	180
1 house 250, barn 75, saw mill 400,	725
Home farm 40 a. 320, Collar lot 20 a. 120, swamp lot 34 a. 250, mill privilege 8 a. 50,	740
Gould, Gilbert F.	
Mountain wood 17 a. 180,	1800
Grout, Henry P.	
1 house 900, barn and shed 200,	1100
Home lot $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 800,	800
Hayden, Henry L.	
Wood lot 7 a. 225,	225
Hale, Warren M.	
Allen sprout lot 7 a. 100, Hale wood 10 a. 200,	300
Hale, John P.	
Wood lot 3 a. 60,	60
Hale, Hartley.	
Purple lot 107 a. 500,	500
Holton, Dickinson.	
Louisana lot 30 a. 250, wood lot 26 a. 280,	530
Holton, John P.	
Wood and pasture 7 a. 220, wood and pasture 26 a. 250, plain lot 4 a. 50,	520
Houghton, Samuel B.	
Wood lot 30 a. 300,	300
Holden, Frank.	
1 house 1000, barn 200, ice house 50,	1250
Home lot 6 a. 225,	225
Hawkins and Ripley.	
$\frac{1}{2}$ house 200, barn 25, blacksmith shop 125,	350
House lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 60, shop lot $\frac{1}{4}$ a. 40,	100

Howes, C. A.	
Blacksmith shop 200,	200
Holton, Haskell.	
Sprout land 11 a. 75,	75
Jennings, Willian H.	
Blake lot 207 a. 625, Stratton lot 100 a. 300,	925
Johnson, Henry, heirs.	
Perry farm 100 a. 800,	800
Johnson, Henry H.	
Moore lot 12 a. 100, Miller 47 a. 200,	300
Keenan, Mary J.	
1 barn 50,	50
Home lot 21 a. 150, Collar lot 45 a. 325,	475
Knowlton, Josiah.	
Home lot 8 a. 80,	80
Lee, William F., Est.	
1 house 800, barn 200, 1 house 1200, 1 house 100,	2300
Home lot 2 1/2 a. 1250, lot east Highland ave. 2 1/2 a. 600,	1850
Mattoon, George P.	
1 horse 50, 2 cows 50, 1 yearling 10,	110
1 house 500, barn 175, tobacco barn 150,	825
Home lot 5 1/2 a. 850, Great meadow 12 a. 400,	1250
Merriman, Etta and Sarah.	
Hale lot 23 a. 375,	375
Miller, George.	
Wood and pasture 35 a. 350, tillage lot 5 a. 200,	
Green pasture 18 a. 150,	700
McCue, Felix.	
Tobacco shed 150,	150
Pine meadow 23 a. 1100,	1100
Moody, Malcomb.	
Pachany meadow 7 1/2 a. 350,	350
Moore, W. Jarvis	
Wood and pasture 27 a. 180,	180

Morse, John, Mrs.

Barn 25,	25
Wood and tillage 22 a. 130,	130

Morse, S. F. Miss.

Building lot $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 300,	300
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Moulton, A. G.

Great swamp wood 20 a. 200,	200
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Miner, W. H.

1 house 300, barn 200, tobacco shed 75,	575
Home farm 29 a. 1160,	1160

Newton, James.

Priest lot 14 a. 100,	100
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Newton, Martha.

Wood and timber 32 a. 800,	800
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O'Brien, William.

1 house 190, 1 barn 75,	265
Home lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 190, Great meadow $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. 760, Cal- lender lot 6 a. 480, Jones lot $2\frac{3}{4}$ a. 200,	1630

Penticost, George F.

1 house 1500, 1 house 350, barn and shed 350, hen house 50,	2250
Home lot 7 a. 1400, J. W. Cowles 1 a. 400, Great meadow 9 a. 800,	2600

Pierce, Charles.

Wood lot 11 a. 150,	150
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Priest, William.

Great swamp lot 20 a. 175, wood and pasture 40 a. 400,	575
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Putney, Nathan.

1 house 240, 1 house 150, 1 house 75, 1 barn 140, saw mill 400,	1005
Home lot 3 a. 100, mill privilege 4 a. 150, pasture 35 a. 150,	400

Prindle, James D.

3 horses 250, 1 cow 30, 1 2 years old 15, 1 yearling 10, 4 swine 30,	335
1 house 150, barn 600, tobacco barn 400, corn barn 75, J. Allen house 150, hog house 75,	1450
S. C. Allen home and wood lot 15 a. 475, meadow 8 a. 560, J. Allen home lot 5 a. 300, side hill and wood lot $4\frac{1}{4}$ a. 50, side hill and wood lot $5\frac{3}{4}$ a. 65, North meadow point $9\frac{1}{2}$ a. 650, Bennett's point $4\frac{1}{2}$ a. 380, Allen second growth wood lot $94\frac{1}{2}$ a. 750, swamp lot 32 a. 1600,	4830

Priest, Dwight S.

Dickinson wood lot 20 a. 250, Smith land 7 a. 100, Stebbins lot 20 a. 120, Green lot 40 a. 300, mountain 20 a. 110, J. Brown lot 60 a. 720,	1600
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Pratt, Henry.

Great meadow $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200,	200
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Pratt, Edson J.

Pasture 20 a. 200,	200
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Revelle, Fleming.

Shepardson lot 10 a. 500, C. E. Webster lot 3 a. 200,	700
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Raynolds, Henry D.

Priest lot 60 a. 300,	300
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Richardson, Henry N.

1 horse 60, 4 cows 120, 4 cows farrow 80,	260
1 house 450, 1 house 725, 1 house 550, 1 barn 400, 1 barn 175, wagon house and shed 150, hop house 100, hen house 50,	2600
Home farm 118 a. 2100, house lot $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. 200, Preston home lot 1 a. 150, wood and pasture 20 a. 140, Sanders mountain 11 a. 75, Whithers & Dickinson 20 a. 140, Green lot 16 a. 100, Houghton lot 10 a. 60,	2965

Ripley, Samuel.

Wood and timber 23 a. 100, mountain lot 13 a. 60,	160
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Rugg, Charles P.

1 house 800, barn 200,	1000
Home lot 2 a. 1000, lot east Highland avenue $17\frac{1}{4}$ a. 600,	1600

Ryther, William E., Mrs.	
Wood and pasture 56 a. 1000,	1000
Sawyer, Brydon.	
Wildes sprout lot 20 a. 100, Priest lot 11 a. 100,	200
Severance, Charles.	
Doolittle lot 14 a. 300,	300
Severence, Daniel C.	
Briggs lot 12 a. 140,	140
Simonds, Hollis, heirs.	
Wood lot 10½ a. 100,	100
Snow, Benjamin, estate.	
Hall lot 8½ a. 125,	125
Snow, Emma, Mrs.	
1 house 550, barn 240, shed 100, corn barn 70, tobacco barn 100, 1 house 50,	1110
Home farm 41 a. 1600,	1600
Stebbins, Martha, Mrs.	
W. Field lot 3½ a. 60,	60
Sturgis, Kate.	
Building lot ½ a. 300,	300
Stockwell, Lula.	
Severance wood and sprout lot 13 a. 250,	250
Stockwell, Flavel, Mrs.	
Severance wood and sprout lot 3 a. 60,	60
Stowe, John E., heirs.	
Murdock lot 46 a. 350,	350
Stoughton, Asa O.	
Tenney lot 19 a. 400,	400
Stratton, Marcellus D.	
1 house 350, barn 200, tobacco barn 100,	650
Home farm 43 a. 950, Nash wood lot 10 a. 250,	
Gilbert wood lot 19 a. 200, A. Field lot 10 a. 100,	1500
Smith, Marshall B.	
Pine meadow lot 5 a. 200, Nye lot 4 a. 180,	380
Sprague, Lysander H.	
Wood and sprout 11 a. 150,	150
Sargent, Herbert J.	
Great swamp 50 a. 200, Green lot 18 a. 125,	325

Stimpson, Lucius.	
1 house 70, barn 30,	100
Home lot 14 a. 120,	120
Wanamaker, John.	
1 house 600, barn and shop 100,	700
Home lot 3 a. 250,	250
Weston, David W., Mrs.	
1 house 1000, barn 250,	1250
Home lot 19 a. 1500,	1500
Whitney, Frank.	
Wood and pasture 153 a. 600,	600
Wheeler, Robert,	
Swamp lot 6 a. 250,	250
Williams, Joseph A.	
Holton lot 16 a. 100,	100
Williams, J. A. & C. A.	
Perry lot 40 a. 150, Stratton lot 10 a. 50,	200
Wood, Lydia, Mrs.	
Dale pasture 40 a. 600,	600
Young, Zachariah.	
1 house 800, barn 200,	1000
Home lot $6\frac{1}{2}$ a. 1300, pasture 18 a. 380, Great meadow $8\frac{1}{2}$ a. 700, wood lot 18 a. 250,	2630
Northfield Seminary.	
Money at interest 17,000, securities by bonds 21,000, books, etc., for specific use 25,000, other personal property including cash and deposits 10,789.	73,789
East hall 37,500, Stone hall 40,000, Marquand hall 67,000, library 20,000, Weston hall 20,000, Bon- ner hall 3000, barn 7500, greenery house 1000, Smith house 1000, Hillside house 3500, Clark house 800, Conway house 1000, water works and dam 2500,	204,800
Seminary lands $214\frac{1}{2}$ a. 10,000,	10,000
First Parish.	
Church building 8000,	8000
Parish land $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 600,	600

Trinitarian Society.

Church building 1000, new church building 15,000,	16,000
Society land old church $\frac{3}{4}$ a. 500, new church land 2 a. 400,	900

Roman Catholic Society.

Church building 5000,	5000
Society land $\frac{1}{2}$ a. 600,	600

**LIST OF PERSONS AND AMOUNT EX-
EMPTED FROM TAX.**

	<i>Personal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Alexander, George A.	70	325	395
Alexander, George Mrs.		500	500
Anderson, Almeda Miss		100	100
Belding, Hannah Miss		500	500
Billings, Sarah Mrs.	20	415	435
Briggs, Charles		165	165
Barrett, Abbie Mrs.		150	150
Caldwell, Florence F. Miss		500	500
Clark, Elizabeth		475	475
Coy, Ira		570	570
Elmore, Elephas		125	125
Elmer, Amos Mrs.		45	45
Field, Frances and Mary		1000	1000
Field, Simeon A. Mrs.		500	500
Gage, Almira Miss		150	150
Hale, Lester Mrs.	55	400	455
Hilliard, Emma Miss		125	125
Holton, Fidelia and Lucretia	25	540	565
Holton, Lucy and Mary	50	950	1000
Holton, Samuel Mrs.		180	180
Holton, Henry		350	350
Holton, Caroline S. Mrs.	30	470	500
Holton, Helen A. Miss	75	425	500
Johnson, Samuel	50	570	620
Luey, Mary Miss		450	450

	<i>Personal.</i>	<i>Real.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Lyman, Malinda		500	500
Lyman, Joseph		500	500
Lyman, Gad C.	50	245	295
Lyons, S. K. D. Mrs.		250	250
Mann, Warren, estate		1100	1100
Marsh, Susan Mrs.		525	525
Marsh, Zebina		100	100
Mattoon, Samuel Mrs. and Irene		700	700
Mattoon, Emeline Mrs.		425	425
Mead, Frances Mrs.		500	500
Moore, L. W. Mrs.		500	500
Moore, Harrison		500	500
Morgan, Nancy Mrs.		390	390
Morgan, Mary A.		195	195
Pomeroy, Mary Miss	65	430	495
Pomeroy, Laura Miss	65	430	495
Porter, Israel		475	475
Smith, John W.		500	500
Stebbins, Frances A. Mrs.	30	500	530
Stebbins, Eva I. Miss		500	500
Stimpson, Jonathan R.		420	420
Sykes, Catharine Mrs.		140	140
Wright, Martha Miss		460	460
Northfield Seminary,	73,789	214,800	268,589
First Parish,			8600
Trinitarian Society,			16,900
Roman Catholic Society,			5600

RUFUS K. CALDWELL, } Assessors
 HENRY W. MONTAGUE, } of
 CLINTON A. WARE, } Northfield.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting our report to the inhabitants of the town, we are happy indeed to state that the work of the schools for the year closing has been attended by general success, and we are glad to report a fairly prosperous year. That the progress in some might have been better is one of the stern facts we cannot deny.

Progress has been made in all, and in some the advancement has been rapid. We earnestly believe the condition of them to be better and constantly improving, notwithstanding any opinions to the contrary.

In administering to your school affairs we have endeavored to keep in view public welfare and to distribute impartially the benefits of the town's appropriations, and while it could hardly be expected that the anticipations of all would be realized, we think our labors have been by the majority appreciated. Educators are aware of the difficulty of successfully managing schools, when there is not a warm public sentiment to support them, and as every citizen has an interest in the trust which the School Committee have in charge, or ought to have, at least a sincere wish for the welfare and posterity of a country that has educated and protected him, this question, an undisputable one to us, arises: Ought we not as intelligent citizens, to show more encouragement and cordial support to our schools and to those connected with them? No person of intelligence can either fail to appreciate or ignore the importance of our public schools in which a large portion of our children receive their education and afterwards know no Alma Mater but that of the universe. We think this responsibility of parents to be not second to that of the teacher in the success or failure of our public schools and it is sometimes a marvelous question involving as it does the deepest thought and consideration which has never been solved by us, how any educator can make the statement that schools were better thirty

or forty years ago. If this is so, why were they not taught how to make our schools of to-day more successful and the work in them more pleasant? This might not have been one of the branches of study at that time, but it can be taken up now. Better late than never. The hot, hasty, unconsidered interference of parents is oftentimes a source from which flows an element destructive in its nature, not only to the welfare of schools in general, but to the happiness of a community.

A school committee should consist of thoughtful, progressive, intelligent citizens, who are interested in schools and common public welfare. Parents should co-operate with them. The work of well qualified teachers has often been spoiled for want of support. It is not our intention in a brief school report regarding the condition of our schools to map out any course of study for those whose education, concerning their own best interests, was left incomplete by better schools of by-gone days. We can say with pleasure that we think these older pupils are, too, improving, having received more encouragement and very little dissatisfaction. That our schools have proven satisfactory to quite a degree, at least, is evident from the fact that we have considered no embarrassing petitions and met less friction than that of some former years.

In our selection of teachers at the commencement of the year we were quite fortunate. Six have been retained throughout the entire year, and have done some excellent work. A succession of new teachers is a bad thing for any school, even though all may possess acknowledged superior ability. An earnest and faithful teacher of fair ability continued for several terms in a school, can accomplish more for that school than a succession of extraordinary ones. This fact is borne out not only by our own experience but by that of others. Seldom do we read the report of a School Committee that does not contain some reference or allusion to it more or less emphasized. One change was necessarily made in our Centre Grammar School by resignation, two in the Primary School, and one in No. 7 at West Northfield. This comprises all changes.

Teachers have been in several instances permitted a day to visit other schools, that they might come in contact with other teachers and better methods of teaching. A progressive teacher of real genius is constantly inventing and devising new ways and means of stimulating and drawing out the mental faculties of those under her charge, and she must be a poor instructor, indeed, who will not avail herself of the arts of others.

It appears to us much good might be derived from monthly teachers' meetings. We do not claim they all come up to our ideal of a model teacher. Of course we cannot expect to get such in every instance for the price we pay. To experiment with inexperienced teachers is considered by us dangerous, and we have guarded against it almost without exception. At the same time it is unsafe to rely implicitly on recommendations, however good. Actual test is sometimes costly, but nevertheless proves the most satisfactory. Good teaching is known by its work, not by opinions. A teacher may not only be successful but highly satisfactory in one school, while in another with conditions and surroundings different the work may approach, if it does not meet, a failure.

With the completion of the present term our schools will have had 32 weeks, excepting Numbers 5 and 6, which have had 28 weeks each. The attendance has been poor in several, the past term, owing largely to sickness, and we are glad—in one sense of the word—to be able to trace poor attendance to a cause more reasonable and excusable than has sometimes in the past been our most unhappy privilege.

In relation to text books, we would say that the change mentioned in our last report to the more modern editions of Geography has been nearly completed.

A change has been made to a new edition of practical written Arithmetic, which has been in contemplation some time, upon very favorable terms. Change has also been made in copy-books, involving no expense whatever to the town. Our appropriation of \$300, however, was none too large for text books and supplies, as will be seen by reference to our financial report.

We purchased two complete charts, at a cost of \$30.

Many of the teachers' desks are not as well supplied with books of reference and devices to make teaching easy, as they ought to be.

Concerning repairs and school-buildings, we would say incidental repairs have been made in all. Three of the houses are in poor condition, numbers 5, 6 and 7. Number 5 has had a new sill and other small repairs. Several more are needed.

It would be poor economy in our judgment to expend much on number 6. A new building will soon be necessary.

In relation to No. 7 we suggest that it either ought to be thoroughly repaired, which would involve an expense of several hundred dollars, or be replaced by a new building. No. 2 was moved to its new site, the generous gift of Mr. D. L. Moody, with an interruption of only about two days to the fall term. This house now has one of the best locations in town. Your committee advertised for contractors to perform this work, and received numerous bids, varying from \$160 to \$285. We gave it to the lowest bidder: the work was closely looked after and well performed. Buildings Nos. 9 and 6 have each received new stoves, and No. 9 has also received a coat of paint, adding much to its appearance.

No vagrant or truant children have come to the knowledge of your committee during the year.

As this report is made up for the press before the completion of our winter's term, we are necessarily obliged to omit the schedule of statistics.

We hope the time is not far distant when our citizens will realize more fully the need of another school in our center. By establishing another grade better work could be accomplished. It would be a decided benefit and stimulus to other schools. Scholars could attend easily from Nos. 9, 7 and 2, while from 3 and 4 accommodations by railroad could probably be made at reasonable rates, and the few who would desire to come from Nos. 5 and 6 could without doubt be established satisfactorily, within convenient distance,

In conclusion we recommend there be appropriated the ensuing year for schools \$2350, \$250 for repairs of school buildings, for books and supplies \$300, for conveyance of scholars \$100.

L. R. SMITH, }
W. J. WRIGHT, } Committee.
T. J. CLARK, }

FINANCIAL SCHOOL REPORT,

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1890.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2350 00	
Books and supplies,	300 00	
Repairs,	250 00	
Conveyance fund,	100 00	
School “	210 45	
Dog “	45 94	
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To remove house No. 2 to its new location,	\$300 00	\$300 00
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Total,		\$3556 39

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Nina Moore, teaching No. 4,	\$150 00
Gertrude C. Mattoon, No. 3,	150 00
Belle R. Falcon, No. 1,	85 00
Jennie S. Pines, No. 9,	150 00
Lizzie A. Kelley, No. 6,	182 00
Lucy V. Alexander, No. 2,	150 00
Lillian M. Thayer, No. 7,	171 00
Carrie L. Greenleaf, No. 5,	182 00
Martin A. Brown, No. 1,	120 00
Alice G. Crittenden, No. 1,	80 00
C. H. Gale, No. 1,	192 00
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CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Gardner Coller, cleaning No. 5,	\$2 50
G. W. Piper, " " 6,	2 00
I. M. Harris, " " 2,	3 00
M. T. Moore, " " 9,	6 25
Jennie S. Pierce, care No. 9,	5 50
Lizzie A. Kelley, " 6,	8 40
Emma C. Alexander, " 2,	3 00
Ella L. Preston, " 7,	2 50
→ Carrie L. Greenleaf, " 5,	9 55
Geo. H. Slate, " 1,	15 50
Eddie Cosgrove, " 3,	5 00
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 1,	5 00
F. W. Piper, " " 6,	2 75
Alfred R. Nash, care No. 4,	5 00
Ned. Coller, " 5,	75
Willie A. Long, " 1,	1 00
Lillian M. Thayer, " 7,	3 00
Mary A. Gates, cleaning No. 7,	2 00
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FUEL.

George A. Stearns, wood No. 9,	\$10 00
J. P. Aldrich, wood No. 7,	18 00
George B. Kenney, wood No. 3,	18 75
Walter Mack, cutting wood No. 9,	1 69
W. W. Merriman, wood No. 5,	11 25
J. L. Hammond, wood No. 4,	13 25
Henry H. Hammond, wood No. 6,	13 00
J. D. Smith, sawing wood No. 4,	5 00
John Vorce, cutting wood No. 6,	3 00
Parsons & Stearns, coal No. 1,	59 17
Thomas Quinlan, wood No. 9,	7 12
M. T. Moore, kindling wood No. 6,	50
Thomas Quinlan, wood No. 2,	13 50
T. J. Clark, wood No. 1,	3 00
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	\$177 23

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

W. W. Merriman, material and repairs		
No. 5,	\$10	53
Chas. Stratton Repairing pump, No. 1,		50
M. T. Moore, repairs, No. 9,	1	00
Fred G. Stearns, repairs, No. 3,		85
" " " " 1,	1	77
Fred H. Turner, painting No. 9,	31	25
W. C. Kerr, repairs, No. 9,	6	70
" " " No. 6,	1	65
Fred Turner, painting blackboards, Nos.		
9, 3, 5, 6,	3	50
C. A. Moulton, lumber, No. 5,	2	78
M. S. Stearnes, repairs, No. 5,	2	75
A. D. Stearnes, repairs, No. 1,	12	10
Andrew E. Lyman, stoves and pipe,		
No. 9 and 6,	28	35
Boston School Supply Co., liquid slating,	2	67
Andrew E. Lyman, pipe and damper,	1	69
	<hr/>	\$108 09

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

A. E. Lyman, dust pan and brush,	50	
Boston School Supply Co., books and sup-		
plies,	31	90
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books and supplies,	91	86
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	8	55
William Ward & Co., books,	10	80
Harrison Hume, books,	67	17
T. J. Clark, cash items,	7	73
Thompson, Crown & Co., books,	5	00
Taintor Bros. & Co., books,	5	40
A. S. Barnes & Co., books,	1	25
Cowperthwait & Co., books,	49	86
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CARRYING SCHOLARS.

Mrs. Sarah J. Atwood, spring, paid No.6,	20	00
“ “ fall “	20	00
“ “ winter “	14	00
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	\$54 00	

MOVING HOUSE NO. 2.

S. W. Hall,	\$160	00
Valley Record, advertising bids,	1	25
Gazette and Courier, advertising bids,	75	
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	\$162 00	

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching No. 3,	\$90	00
Belle R. Falcon, “ 1,	102	00
Lilla M. Taylor, “ 7,	67	50
Irene L. Mattoon, “ 4,	90	00
Jennie S. Pierce, “ 9,	90	00
Nellie Dyer, care No. 4,	6	00
Fred A. Hollis, “ 9,	4	80
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	\$450 30	
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching No. 2,	\$96	00
James N. Caldwell, care No. 7,	2	15
Leon R. Alexander, “ 2,	5	75
H. R. Crowell, material for repairs,	2	31
I. M. Harris, cleaning No. 2,	4	50
D. L. Preston, “ 7,	2	50
Parsons and Stearns, supplies,	2	20
M. A. Brown, teaching No. 1,	96	00
Chas. W. Slate, care No. 1,	20	50
H. C. Parsons, cash items,	16	96
Boston School Supply Co.,	52	19
William Ware & Co.,	7	74
Eddie Cosgood, care No. 3,	3	60
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	16	20
M. A. Moody, repairs No. 7,	3	20
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	\$331 80	
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	\$782 10	

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and Receipts,		\$3556 39
Old bills paid,	782 10	
Teachers' salaries,	1612 00	
Care of buildings,	88 95	
Fuel,	177 23	
Repairs on buildings,	108 09	
Text books and supplies,	280 02	
Conveyance,	54 00	
Moving house No. 2,	162 00	
Total expenditures,	3264 39	
Expenses previous year's account,	782 10	
Expenses current year's account,	2482 29	
Due on current year's account,	668 40	
	3150 69	
The amount \$668.40 given as due on current year's account is an approximated estimate.		
Minor receipts,		
Rent of hall at Farms,	11 00	
Sale of ashes at Farms,	1 00	
Sale of school books, etc.,	1 46	
Amount paid town treasurer,	13 46	
Due Town Uncollected—Tuition from Erving,		2 50
Sales of Stoves at No. 2,		1 00
		\$3 50

LEONARD R. SMITH,	} Committee.
WARREN J. WRIGHT,	
T. J. CLARK,	

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

February 17th, 1890.

Number of volumes in library last report,	3016
“ “ Purchased past year,	77
“ “ Presented “ “	9
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Total,	3102

Number of volumes burned in T. J. Field's house,	3
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Remaining in library,	3099
Number of families patrons of library,	206
“ Volumes circulated,	4422
Total amount of fines collected,	\$7 85
Amount paid by Librarian for incidentals,	2 07
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	\$5 78
Uncollected fines,	\$1 51

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

	DR.
To cash on hand last report,	\$9 57
“ appropriation for librarian and incidentals, 1887 and 1888,	75 00
“ appropriation for librarian and incidentals, 1889 and 1890,	75 00
“ appropriation for new books,	100 00
“ cash received from fines,	5 78
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	\$265 35

1889.			CR.
Mar. 14,	by paid	L. W. Rice, binding books,	\$10 00
Mar. 21,	“ “	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., new book,	5 50
May 2,	“ “	Helen A. Holton, librarian, 1887 and 1888,	60 00
May 25,	“ “	C. F. Folsom, new book,	4 75
July 5,	“ “	Cent. Vt. R. R. Co., freight,	50
Aug. 2,	“ “	S. E. Bridgman & Co., new books,	95 61
Aug. 9,	“ “	Sellick & Davis, suppl. catalogues,	5 20
Dec. 12,	“ “	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., new books,	50
1890.			
Feb. 15,	“ “	R. C. Ward, expenses for library,	7 31
“ “ “	“ “	Helen A. Holton librarian for 1889-90,	60 00
“ “ “	“ “	balance in hands of library com.	10 98
			<hr/> \$265 35

DR. R. C. WARD,	}	Library Committee.
CAPT. C. C. DUNCAN,		
DR. N. P. WOOD,		

HIGHWAYS.

Elisha A. Smith, labor,	26 54
Clifford Holton, "	38 25
H. E. Wells, "	56 38
F. V. Doolittle, stone and timbers for bridges,	26 39
Frank Whithead, labor,	18 45
Wm. E. Dale, "	3 60
C. A. Moulton, posts and railings,	54 19
H. W. Webster, labor,	8 00
E. C. Miller, "	13 80
M. Joyce, "	13 63
Fred L. Davis, "	12 00
A. J. Arling, "	4 50
Isaac Mattoon, "	4 28
George B. Kenney, "	33 45
M. J. Arling, "	14 25
Clesson Merriman, material for roads,	8 30
Frank W. Piper, labor,	34 51
Wm. E. Piper, "	11 17
George M. Piper, "	4 80
George Murdock, "	4 50
John Vorce, "	1 50
C. L. Robbins, "	8 50
M. J. Collier, "	4 50
H. Hammond, "	4 50
Wm. Pratt, "	1 50
W. M. Reed, "	39 15
George D. Goodrich, for sewer pipe,	4 45
James Wall, labor,	39 90
A. Shepardson, "	11 56
Ansel Collier, "	15 25
Frank Harness, "	4 87
Ernest Gaines, "	8 55
A. J. Reed, "	3 75
Fred W. Hilliard, "	10 35
Fred Ruggles, "	9 75
D. L. Moody, agent for Northfield Seminary,	80 78
S. G. Titus, labor,	47 20
John Crelan, "	149 20
Thomas Quinlan, "	157 20
Willie Bigelow, "	4 50
Amos Bigelow, "	4 50

R. P. Whipple, sewer tile,	22 40
Chas. W. Hart, labor,	3 95
Simon S. Fisher, "	13 85
Wm. Stratton, "	2 40
Frank Montague, "	9 45
Joseph Clark, "	4 27
Thos. F. Reed, "	11 25
Willard Flemming, "	11 25
Albert Whittaker, "	22 72
John A. Robbins, "	23 59
James Allen, "	9 00
C. Hilliard, "	3 70
Samuel K. Sawyer, "	20 40
William Whitaker, "	2 62
Pickett Bros., posts and railings,	17 25
John Dale, labor,	27 15
Asa Kineston, "	4 88
Addison Johnson, "	3 68
Ansel Dickenson estate, lumber,	1 68
N. G. Hilliard, labor,	40 97
Geo. Webster, "	3 00
Fred H. Simons, "	2 25
Jerry Twine, "	25 93
T. Sullivan, "	3 38
Chas. Britton, "	130 20
Chas. Pomeroy, "	29 75
Sumner L. Gates, "	9 50
B. Morrison, "	3 00
W. F. Stoddard, "	11 24
E. J. Blanchard, "	5 65
James Dempsey, "	2 40
James Hagan, "	2 40
Causius Baldwin, "	10 95
Charles Gilbert, "	45
John H. Dalton, "	6 00
Vt. C. R. R. freight on drain tile,	3 71
S. G. Wildes, labor,	22 87
Wesley Mann, "	2 00
Harvey Eveans, "	2 41
Patrick Pigott, "	2 25
C. A. Moulton, "	60

 \$1576 41

FOR NEW ROADS AND BRIDGES.

F. V. Doolittle, building new road,	\$355 00
“ “ extra work,	45 40
D. L. Moody, agent for Northfield Seminary, building 63 rods new road,	189 00
Lyman Barton, as surveyor,	10 00
J. E. Hubbard, for drain tile,	43 40
Charles Britton, timber and plank,	87 69
	<hr/> \$730 49

WORK ON MALLORY AND PICKETT'S HILLS.

As ordered by County Commissioners :—

Charles Aldrich, labor,	\$24 60
James Greenwood, “	8 10
Fred Wheeler, “	9 82
B. Morrison, “	9 82
George Whitaker, “	9 82
C. I. Holton, “	26 20
Pickett Bros., “	12 80
S. L. Gates, “	6 40
J. P. Wilcox & Co., drain tile,	9 38
	<hr/> \$116 94

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Hubbard, for furnace for town hall,	\$108 00
Medad Moody repairs on furnace town hall,	5 17
Albert D. Stearns. “ “ “ “	6 25
Charles H. Webster, error in insurance,	11 25
Mrs. Kate Sturges, land damages for road,	50 00
Expenses of A. Long, law suit,	217 06
Edwin Rugg, expense of law suit,	25 00
Cash paid Franklin Savings Bank, interest,	207 00
Cash paid for Decoration Day,	48 92
Cash paid for Library,	250 00
Town officers as per Auditor's Report,	418 34
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CONTINGENT.

Chas. A. Moulton, services as selectman,	5 00
S. G. Wildes, " "	6 25
Geo. J. Bacon, " "	17 25
W. J. Wright, cash expenses,	21 00
H. B. Parker, water rent for '88, '89,	4 00
Mrs. Simeon A. Field, " " " "	10 00
H. W. Webster, " "	5 00
O. T. Greenleaf, " "	3 00
Northfield aqueduct, " "	10 00
C. Hilliard, " "	5 00
E. J. Blanchard, " "	3 00
A. Shepardson, " "	3 00
Thos. Quinlin, wood for Town hall,	16 00
Wm. Moore, repairs on " "	22 39
Parsons & Stearns, coal for Town hall,	31 24
Morris Joyce, drawing coal for hall and school,	7 50
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing reports and orders,	31 80
Chas. Peirce, for town books,	5 62
Henry Wright, error in settlement,	12 00
L. T. Webster, as Auditor,	4 00
R. K. Caldwell, " "	4 00
Chas. Pomeroy, abatement tax Perry farm '87,	3 98
" " Error in tax of '88,	5 75
" " Services as Justice of Peace,	15 25
" " Abatement tax Perry farm '88,	3 95
" " Services as Election Officer,	2 50
Geo. F. Alexander, " " "	2 50
John Cassey, " " "	2 50
Wm. E. Merriman, " " "	2 50
John H. Robbins, damage to wagon,	4 00
M. T. Moore, services as Teller,	2 50
C. L. Robbins, services as Registrar,	12 37
A. R. Lyman, " "	11 87
T. J. Field, " "	11 87
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs on road scraper,	10 00
Fred Thomas, " " "	1 83
Parsons & Stearns, goods for town,	1 36
L. T. & C. H. Webster, goods for town,	14 07
H. R. Crowell, " "	4 32
C. A. Moulton, " "	7 14

J. T. Cummings, painting guide boards,	10 00
S. K. Sawyer, repairs " "	4 00
Pomeroy & Doolittle, for posts and guide boards,	13 00
B. Morrison, mowing cemetery,	2 00
S. Collier, " "	1 50
Henry Holton, " "	2 00
W. M. Wright, M. D., Dawson case, '84	5 00
Wright Stratton as Town officer,	82 40
Warren J. Wright, return of births, and burial permits,	5 50
S. G. Wildes, cash items, '89	3 50
C. A. Moulton, " "	3 87
Geo. J. Bacon, " "	5 35
W. J. Wright, services as Town clerk,	73 75
" " " " treasurer,	40 00
N. L. R. R., toll,	2 52
E. A. Hall, printing tax lists,	6 22
Town of Gill for Morgan's ferry,	16 71
C. A. Moulton, repairs on Munn's ferry,	7 33
Wright Stratton, abatement tax poor persons, '87,	55 05
Chas. Stratton, repairs on water pipe,	1 46
F. I. Webster, wire for Munn's ferry,	13 70
F. H. Brown & Co., 1 Record book,	6 50
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	\$707 67

REPORT OF OVERSEERS' OF POOR.

OZRO DOOLITTLE.

Board of Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, 1890,	\$117 00
" Lucretia Sawyer, to Jan. 1, 1890,	117 00
" Jerusha Doolittle " "	117 00

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Mary Pierson to Jan. 1, 1890,	\$169 46
" Kate Hanwell " "	169 46

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Fred Nye to Jan. 1, 1890,	\$169 46
" Coleman C. Smith to Jan. 1, 1890,	169 46

FRANK V. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Charles Lord to Feb. 1, 1890,	78 67
L. T. & C. H. Webster, clothing for Chas. Lord,	14 69

MRS. FRANK HAMERS.

Board of Fanny Murdock to Feb. 1, 1890,	262 85
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AMOS ELMER.

Board of Mrs. Sally Elmer to Jan. 1, 1890,	52 29
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A. A. LONG.

Board of James Reed from April 28, 1888, to April 17, 1889,	99 37
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THOMAS F. REED.

Board of James Reed to Nov. 16, 1889,	\$69 75
Parsons & Stearns, goods for James Reed,	3 81
L. T. & C. H. Webster “ “	1 18

S. N. SLATE.

Board of Samuel Slate to Jan. 1, 1890,	10 85
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TOWN OF ERVING.

Aid to Abraham Richard and wife,	\$34 00
“ Chas. W. Lyman, groceries to Sept. 1, 1890,	50 00
Town of Montague, aid Dwight Cook and family,	73 01
“ Athol, “ “ “	53 41
City of Lowell, “ Fred Whitney “	7 50
“ Somerville, “ Watson “	37 80
Town of Warwick, “ H. B. Allen “	16 72
“ Bernardston, Mrs. Alva Kemplin,	16 65
“ Gardner, sickness and burial of Chas F. Cutting,	42 28

Aid to Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe to Feb. 1,	52 00
“ “ Electia Stratton “ “	56 53
“ “ John Cutting “ “	72 00
“ “ Stephen Reagan,	13 50
Martin Dickinson, care of tramps,	69 00
Ester Williams and family,	91 87
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	\$2308 57

CR.

By cash from Clinton A. Ware, guard- ian of Fred Nye,	\$169 46	
By cash from R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary Pierson,	40 00	
By cash from the state,	91 87	
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GEO. J. BACON, } Overseers
S. G. WILDES, } of
C. A. MOULTON, } Poor.

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

To orders on town Treasurer since Feb. 1, 1889, \$10022 31

By paid for Highways,	1546 96
“ “ Contingent,	707 67
“ “ Poor,	2308 57
“ “ New roads and bridges,	730 49
“ “ Mallory Hill,	116 94
“ “ Schools,	3264 69
“ “ Miscellaneous,	1346 99
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	\$10022 31

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
S. G. WILDES, } of
C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J.
WRIGHT, TREASURER.

	DR.	CR.
By balance from previous account,		\$1918 98
To paid selectmen's orders, including outstanding \$29.45,	\$10051 76	
By cash 1888 tax, \$117.60, 471.10, 344.35, 289.85, 79.64, 125, 100, 88.68, 82.40, aggregate,		1698 62
To paid county tax,	1294 12	
“ state tax,	800 00	
By cash account Millers river bridge, (overpaid)		20
“ rent town hall,		12 50
“ county treasurer, dog fund,		98 65
“ rent hall at Farms,		11 00
“ temporary loan, Franklin Co. National Bank,		981 20
“ corporation tax,		11 67
“ account Munn's Ferry,		5 00
“ temporary loan, Franklin Co. National Bank,		1471 80
“ temporary loan, Franklin Co. National Bank,		985 50
To paid state aid,	98 00	
By cash, account Mary Pierson,		83 94
“ temporary loan, Franklin Co. National Bank,		985 49
“ account state paupers,		91 87
“ temporary loan, Franklin Co. National Bank,		985 50
To paid Franklin Co. National Bank, temporary loans,	5500 00	
By cash, sale school books,		1 46
“ settlement 1887 tax,		57 12

By cash, 1889 tax, \$569.69, 1227.28,	
646.52, 270.03, 467.25,	
350.39, 306.70, 682.44,	
101.16, 40.30, aggregate,	7361 85
“ corporation tax, \$1168 82	
“ National bank tax, 299 97	
“ state aid, 73 00	
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	1541 79
“ account Fred Nye,	170 84
“ Mass. school fund,	216 45
“ county treasurer, dog fund,	45 94
“ auctioneer's license, (R. K.	
Caldwell,)	2 00
“ 1889 tax,	932 96
To balance,	1922 45
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	\$19666 33 \$19666 33

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
FEB. 15, 1890.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$4600 00
Franklin Co. Nat. Bank,	1000 00
George P. Bacon, Selectman,	91 65
S. G. Wildes, Selectman,	61 50
C. A. Moulton, Selectman,	46 25
W. J. Wright, school committee,	67 22
L. R. Smith, school committee,	24 25
Theodore J. Clark, school committee,	53 25
Outstanding orders,	10 25
Geo. Doolittle, care poor, unsettled, about	200 00
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	\$6194 37

Brought forward,

\$6194 37

ASSETS.

Cash in town treasury,	\$1922 45
Tax of 1888 in Collector's hands,	75 60
Tax of 1889 in Collector's hands,	1746 51
Interest surplus revenue,	50 00
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	\$3794 56
Balance against Town,	<hr/>
	\$2399 81

GEORGE J. BACON, } Selectmen
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield

ELISHA. ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1890,	\$1070 53
Drawn from the bank and paid as follows :	
Paid widow of John Weeks,	5 00
“ “ Charles Morgan,	5 00
Paid Mrs. Emma Hilliard,	5 00
“ J. L. May,	5 00
“ William Stevens,	10 00
“ Eligh Field,	5 00
“ H. Munn,	5 00
Paid widow of Henry Hammond,	10 00
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	50 00
Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1890,	\$1020 53

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
AND
ASSESSORS
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
Library Committee and Town Treasurer,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 5, 1891.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:
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1891.

TOWN WARRANT.

For Annual Town Meeting, March 2, 1891,

To be Opened at 9 O'clock, A. M.

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3d. To hear the Report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, School and Library Committee.

Art. 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 5th. To see if the town will vote to license the sale of intoxicating liquors one year from May 1, 1891, the vote to be Yes or No.

Art. 6th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Jury List.

Art. 7th. To see if the town will vote fifty (\$50) dollars for Memorial Day.

Art. 8th. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the ensuing year.

Art. 9th. To raise such sums of money for the Library as may be necessary for ensuing year.

Art. 10th. To see if the town will established a higher grade of school in Northfield Center and appropriate \$500 for same.

Art. 11th. To see if the town will unite with other towns to secure a Superintendent for schools.

Art. 12th. To see if the town will build a School House in District No. 6 and raise money for same.

Art. 13th. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to grade and improve the center cemetery and raise and appropriate money for same or act thereon.

Art. 14th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Collector of Taxes to charge interest on all unpaid Taxes after Oct. 1st, 1891, at the rate of 6 per cent.

Art. 15th. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid before Oct. 1, 1891.

Art. 16th. To see if the town will lease or buy a farm for care of its poor or act thereon.

Art. 17th. To see if the town will raise the sum of three hundred (\$300) dollars to put gravel on the streets and act thereon.

Art. 18th. To see if the town will buy a new hearse for winter use and raise money for same.

Art. 19th. To see if the town will discontinue the town road leading off of the main road through Great Swamp to Warwick line.

Art. 20th. To see if the town will discontinue the Town Road from the Dinsmore Caldwell place to Vernon line.

Art. 21st. To see if the town will discontinue the Town Road from Benjamin Morrison West to road leading from Dinsmore Caldwell's to Vernon line.

Art. 22d. To see if the town will vote to straighten the road from Frank Streeter's to Roswell Stratton's on a petition to Road Commissioners and raise money for same.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

Your Selectmen would respectfully submit for your consideration the following Report for the past year, as to the financial condition of the town. We were called by a vote of the town to have the Report printed and distributed a week earlier, so we have not all the bills in. We find, as near as we can get at it, that there is a balance against the town of about \$3,555.32, and as we have been called to pay a higher rate of interest since December, we would recommend an appropriation to lessen the indebtedness the present year.

As your Overseers of Poor the past year, we have to report as follows: During the year there has been three deaths—Miss Fanny Murdock, Mrs. Sally Elmer and James Reed. We have expended the amount in all for our Poor \$2,051.86; a part of this was last year's bills of about \$220.15, which was aid of Mrs. Geo. Doolittle and Dwight Cook. There is due C. W. Lyman \$20.00 for groceries to A. Richards and wife, and a claim of the Town of Erving for \$53.00, which will be brought to your notice at your March Meeting. As the contract with Mr. Ozro Doolittle expires April 4th for care of Poor, we would call your attention whether the Poor could not be better off and at less expense if the town had a farm of their own. Other towns have lessened their expenses by so doing, and it seems to us at the present time it would be policy for the Town to take some action in the matter.

As Assessors of the Town, we submit our Report and would call the Tax Payers' attention to the fact, that if they would make out their lists and bring them in to the Assessors and make oath to same, as the law requires it would save a great deal of alteration of figures, as well as a great deal of trouble and hard feelings.

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
S. G. WILDES, } of
C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In reviewing the work of our public schools in preparation for a report of the schools to present to the people of Northfield, we are pleased to say that the school work for the year now closing has been successful. There have been nine schools in town the past year; four have been under the care of the same teacher the entire year. In Districts Nos. 1, 6 and 4 there has been one change, and in No. 9 we are sorry to say there have been two changes, but as each teacher has been one of experience the disadvantage has not been as serious as is generally the case with too frequent a change.

We cannot in this report give a detailed account of the work of each school, but in justice to our teachers we should note the interest they have manifested in their work, and the faithfulness with which they have discharged their duties. From our experience, we find no part of the trust we are called upon to administer is so important and needs such careful attention as the selecting of teachers. A teacher possessed of good health, natural ability, high moral character, and a love and enthusiasm for her work, is above price.

We feel that the custom of giving recommendations to those who desire to teach, yet have not the necessary qualifications, should be severely criticised. Could the irreparable wrong occasioned by this practice be realized, a long step would be gained and many embarrassing failures be avoided.

At the close of the present term of school, Nos. 5 and 6 have had twenty-nine weeks of school, one week more than last year. All the others have had thirty-two.

The term not having closed, we cannot give the usual record of attendance, but we feel that there is a growing interest in this direction.

In District No. 6 there have been, out of ten scholars, five neither absent or tardy, in No. 5 three out of ten, in No. 9 eight out of seventeen, and No. 2 has seven scholars that have been present every session of school throughout the year.

No vagrant or truant children have come to the knowledge of your Committee during the year.

We have made no change in text books this year, but have put into the schools a small number of new readers (Normal Course), for the use of scholars familiar with the old books, but not ready to take the advanced grade. Two complete charts have been placed in the schools, in addition to the ones purchased last year, but our schools are still sadly in need of maps, charts and books of reference, which every trained teacher finds indispensable to good work. A change should be made in our text book of Hygiene, and your Committee have examined several with a view of placing a graded series in the schools.

Slight repairs have been made on all the school buildings. Two of them, Nos. 5 and 6, are in poor condition. No. 6 is, in our judgment, beyond repair, and should be replaced with a new building. No. 9 ought to be re-seated, and we believe it would be a wise expenditure of money to give the school-house in District No. 1 a coat of paint.

The greatest improvement we have to note, is the building of a new school-house in District No. 7, according to the vote of the town at its last annual meeting. The school-house yard has been enlarged by several rods of ground, the gift of Mr. Roswell Holton. The Hall, built in connection with the school-house and presented to the town by Mr. E. M. Dickinson, and furnished by the inhabitants of the District, is a pleasant room and supplies a long felt need among the people. The contract for building was given to Mr. Frank Aldrich, and we believe he performed the work in a thorough manner. As to the cost of the building to the town, we refer you to our Financial Report, found on another page.

It has been the custom of your Committee in previous years, on presenting their annual report to the citizens of the town, to dwell at some length on the importance of co-operation of parents and guardians with the teachers and committee, but we still find

wanting in most of the schools the encouragement needed and obtainable only by personal attention on the part of parents in visiting the schools and becoming better acquainted with the teacher. We feel like urging the importance of this, when we see the advantages of it so forcibly illustrated in schools that receive frequent visits from parents and friends.

We have stated that we consider the school work of the past year successful, but by the word successful we do not mean that all has been accomplished that might have been in our schools. To enumerate all the causes for this deficiency, and state the means necessary for their removal, would take volumes instead of the space given us for this report, but another school of higher grade in the Centre would be one of the first requisites. Your Committee have repeatedly pressed the importance of this school, but at no time have they more fully realized that something must be done in this direction to meet the growing demands of our school system.

In conclusion, we would recommend there be appropriated the ensuing year for schools \$2,300, repairs \$300, supplies \$300, conveyance \$100, building fund \$700.

W. J. WRIGHT,	}	Committee.
L. R. SMITH,		
A. A. RICE,		

FINANCIAL SCHOOL REPORT,

For the year ending Feb. 5, 1891.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2300 00
Repairs,	250 00
Books and supplies,	300 00
Conveyance,	100 00
Massachusetts school fund,	213 92
Dog fund,	
Income surplus revenue,	
Building fund,	1200 00
	<hr/> \$4363 92

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Lillian M. Thayer, No. 7,	\$146 00
Lizzie A. Kelly, No. 3,	150 00
Alice G. Crittenden, No. 4,	75 00
C. H. Gale, No. 1,	120 00
Mrs. C. H. Gale, No. 1,	80 00
Lizzie Cousins, No. 1,	100 00
May Crittenden, No. 6,	130 00
Nellie A. Grimes, No. 9,	75 00
Jennie S. Pierce, Nos. 9 and 1,	155 00
Effie L. Bowker, No. 4,	75 00
Lucy V. Alexander,	150 00
>Carrie L. Greenleaf,	188 50
	<hr/> \$1444 50

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Nina Moore, teaching No. 4,	\$90 00
H. W. Montague, repairs No. 4,	75
Willie A. Long, care No. 1,	15 15
Alfred Nash, care No. 4,	6 00
T. J. Clark, cash items,	8 07
Charlie F. Field, care No. 3,	3 60
Jennie S. Pierce, teaching and care No. 9,	96 00
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching No. 2,	96 00
Alice G. Crittenden, teaching and care No. 7,	99 00
Gertrude C. Mattoon, teaching No. 3,	90 00
C. H. Gale, teaching No. 1, grammar,	72 00
Mrs. C. H. Gale, teaching No. 1, primary,	96 00
Geo. H. Slate, care No. 1,	3 00
Leon R. Alexander, care No. 2,	5 50
James Wall, ferriage,	3 64
H. R. Crowell, repair supplies,	1 66
S. E. Bridgman & Co., books,	3 03
	<hr/> \$689 40

FUEL.

John Crelan, wood No. 9,	\$17 50
W. W. Merriman, No. 5,	6 75
Frank Perouls, cutting wood No. 9,	3 28
C. A. Moulton, wood and labor No. 4,	20 00
John H. Murphy, cutting wood No. 3,	3 62
J. Wesley Mann, wood No. 3,	11 25
E. S. Bardwell, coal,	30 40
C. P. Britton, wood and labor No. 2,	19 16
William Burrows, wood No. 7,	2 25
James W. Greenwood, cutting wood No. 7,	2 25
William Bain, wood No. 7,	12 00
Thomas Quinlan, wood No. 1,	3 00
M. J. Coller, wood No. 6,	5 50
	<hr/> \$136 96

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Frank C. Whitaker, cleaning No. 3,	\$3 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 1,	\$5 00	
“ “ “ 2,	2 00	
“ “ “ 9,	3 00	
	<hr/>	10 00
Gardner Coller, “ 5,	2 50	
Frank W. Piper, “ 6,	2 00	
Lillian M. Thayer, care No. 7,	3 50	
Benj. R. Morrison, cleaning No. 7,	2 60	
Alice G. Crittenden, care No. 4,	3 00	
Jennie S. Pierce, “ 9,	3 00	
May Crittenden, “ 6,	6 00	
T. J. Cosgrove, “ 3,	2 50	
Nellie A. Grimes, “ 9,	3 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 2,	\$1 00	
“ “ “ 1,	3 00	
“ “ “ 9,	2 00	
“ “ “ 6,	2 00	
	<hr/>	8 00
Effie L. Bowker, care No. 4 and pencils,	3 80	
Leslie C. Wells, care No. 1 two terms,	12 50	
Charlie F. Field, “ 3,	2 50	
Charlie Preston, “ 2,	2 50	
Thomas Mason, “ 1 two terms,	12 50	
Carrie L. Greenleaf, “ 5 three terms,	9 20	
	<hr/>	\$92 10

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Fred G. Stearns, No. 9,	\$ 50	
W. M. Moore, No. 1,	14 32	
Fred H. Turner, No. 3,	45 00	
F. A. Webster, No. 3,	10 16	
Fred G. Stearns, No. 3,	1 75	
M. T. Moore, labor and material No. 3,	4 50	
M. H. Alkins, “ “ 1,	36 83	
G. H. Alexander, No. 1,	2 95	
	<hr/>	\$116 01

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

A. S. Barnes & Co.,	\$1 13	
Boston School Supply Co.,	142 32	
L. R. Smith, freight,	55	
Parsons & Stearns, supplies,	4 57	
Chas. E. Merrill, books,	19 20	
Silver, Burdett & Co., books,	33 60	
E. B. Goodrich & Co., charts,	30 00	
Vt. Ct. R. R. Co.,	3 50	
E. L. Hildreth & Co., printing,	1 50	
American Book Co., tablets,	3 00	
“ Express “	3 55	
	<hr/>	\$242 92

NEW BUILDING.

Valley Record, advertising bids,	\$1 00	
Gazette & Courier, “	2 00	
C. H. Davenport, “	1 00	
Frank E. Aldrich, labor and material,	1144 50	
Chas. O. Rice, plans and specifications,	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$1165 50

W. A. Choate & Co., school furniture,	97 00	
M. H. Alkins, stove, materials and labor,	24 10	
H. W. Webster, drawing furniture,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$122 60
	<hr/>	\$1288 10

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,	\$4363 92
Old bills paid,	\$689 40
Paid teachers,	1444 50
Care buildings,	92 10
Fuel,	136 96
Repairs on buildings,	116 01
Text books and supplies,	242 92
New building,	1288 10
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Total expenditure,	\$4009 99
Expenses previous year's acc't,	689 40
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“ current “	\$3320 59
Due “ “	811 80
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	\$4132 39

The amount \$811.80 given as due to complete school year is an approximated estimate.

Small receipts,	
Rent of hall at Farms,	6 00
Sale “ ashes “	1 00
Sale of books,	1 87
Credit to Centre school from A. Lincoln Kirk's entertain- ment,	1 88
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Amount paid town treasurer,	\$10 75

WARREN J. WRIGHT, }
 LEONARD R. SMITH, } Committee.
 ARTHUR A. RICE, }

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Assessed value of real estate,	\$680,622 00
“ “ personal estate,	118,361 00
Total,	<u>\$798,983 00</u>

No. of acres of land assessed,	19037½
“ dwelling houses,	395
“ horses,	401
“ cows,	552
“ neat cattle,	420
“ swine,	249
“ sheep,	216

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1890.

Voted for schools,	\$2300 00
school repairs,	250 00
school supplies,	300 00
school conveyance,	100 00
No. 7 new school house,	1200 00
highways,	1600 00
crushed stone,	500 00
contingent,	2500 00
Memorial day,	50 00
library,	175 00
library re-catalogue,	100 00
ventilation school house,	15 00
	<u>\$9,090 00</u>
For payment County tax,	1294 12
“ State tax,	700 00
	<u>\$1,994 12</u>
Total raised by tax,	<u>\$11,084 12</u>

On polls,	\$ 882 00
On personal estate,	1538 69
On real estate,	8848 09
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	\$11,268 78

Rate per cent. on \$1000,	\$13 00
Rate on each poll,	2 00

GEO. J. BACON, } Assessors
 S. G. WILDES, } of
 C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS' OF POOR.

OZRO H. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Mrs. Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, 1891,	\$117 00
“ “ Lucretia Sawyer “	117 00
“ “ Jerusha Doolittle “	117 00

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Mrs. Mary Pierson to Jan. 1, 1891,	169 69
“ “ Kate Hanwell “ “	169 69

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman C. Smith to Jan. 1, 1891,	169 46
“ Fred Nye to Jan. 1, 1891,	169 46
“ Charles Parker,	11 62

BRIDGEWATER STATE FARM.

Board of Charles Parker to Jan. 1, 1891,	16 80
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F. V. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Charles Lord,	85 39
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MRS. FRANK HAMERS.

Board of Mrs. Fanny Murdock,	171 75
Coffin and fixtures,	17 50

AMOS ELMER.

Board of Mrs. Sally Elmer,	41 00
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THOMAS F. REED.

Board of James Reed,	55 00
Aid Overseers of Poor,	16 50
Coffin and expenses on same,	13 15

S. N. SLATE.

Board of S. W. Slate,	16 07
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TOWN OF GREENFIELD.

Aid to Mrs. Geo. Doolittle in 1889,	180 00
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DWIGHT COOK AND FAMILY.

Aid from Town of Montague, 1889,	40 15
“ “ Athol, 1890,	108 00
Medical Attendance, Dr. Bowker,	9 00

CHANCEY K. KIMPLIN.

Aid from Town of Athol,	5 75
“ Frank V. Doolittle, moving,	10 00
Aid, House Rent to April 1, 1891,	7 50

CHARLES W. LYMAN.

Aid to Abraham Richards and wife,	49 29
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CITY OF WORCESTER.

Aid to John Joyce,	32 85
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CITY OF LOWELL.

Aid to Fred W. Whitney and family,	31 30
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE.

Aid to Mrs. A. (Watson) O'Brian,	8 00
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TOWN OF BERNARDSTON.

Aid to Mrs. Alva Kemplin and family,	45 50
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AID AS ORDERED BY OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe,	57 00
Dr. N. P. Wood,	11 00
Dr. R. C. Ward,	46 75
Aid to Mrs. Electa Stratton,	30 13
Aid to Mrs. Reagan,	3 00
Wm. Dickinson, aid to tramp,	1 50
Martin Dickinson, care of tramps,	54 80
Aid to Charles R. Slate,	23 25
Aid to Mrs. John Cassy,	21 28
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	\$2349 33

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By cash from Clinton A. Ware, guardian of Fred Nye,	169 00
By cash from R. K. Caldwell, guardian of Mary Pierson,	83 94
By cash from Town of Bernardston for Charles N. Slate,	23 25
Due from City of Holyoke for aid to Mrs. John Cassy,	21 28

297 47

Cost of Town Poor,

2051 86

GEO. J. BACON,	}	Overseers of Poor.
S. G. WILDES,		
C. A. MOULTON,		

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Bills of 1889 that were unpaid :—

Lewis Fowler, labor,	50
Erastus Cole, “	1 85
Morris Joyce, “	4 05
E. J. Blanchard, “	90
Northfield Seminary,	15 00
S. G. Wildes, “	1 20
S. Bemis, “	1 50
C. P. Britton, “	50 08
Eugene Foss, “	3 00
E. A. Smith, “	12 47
Jerry Twine, “	1 00
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	\$91 55

Amount expended in 1890 :—

Pliny Cutting, labor,	1 50
F. W. Piper and others, labor,	163 00
C. P. Johnson, repairs of scraper,	51 24
Samuel Sawyer, labor,	47 00
S. S. Fisher, “	16 29
Geo. A. Stearns, “	70 68
Thos. Quinlan, “	154 00
Gardner Collier, “	9 71
H. W. Montague and others,	146 21
Northfield Seminary,	123 57
J. A. Williams, plank,	48 60
John Crelan, labor,	129 20
Wm. Wells, “	4 50
Wm. Grace, “	3 00
Wm. M. Reed, “	2 70
Wright Arlin, “	24 00
C. R. Pomeroy, “	1 50
Timothy Crelan, “	1 50
H. W. Webster, “	18 05
C. W. Deane, “	3 65
Henry Stimpson, “	12 60
Walter Mack, “	5 50
Henry Arlin, “	18 05
Sumner L. Gates, “	92 82

Joseph Clark, labor,	1 65
Alex. Holton, "	4 35
Oscar Holton, "	3 75
Frank A. Webster, repairs,	2 50
Isaac Murdock, labor,	20 85
Wm. B. Pratt, "	5 25
John Dale, "	4 50
Fred G. Stearns, "	2 50
Geo. J. Bacon, "	45 00
Frank B. Holton, "	8 95
H. E. Wells, "	36 05
Jackson Arlin, "	9 40
John Grace, "	14 10
J. W. Mann, "	12 50
A. Dickinson estate, plank,	37 86
A. W. Whittaker, labor,	2 25
I. M. Harris, "	3 00
James Campbell, "	2 25
E. Smith, "	3 00
Ed. Baldwin, "	1 65
C. Baldwin, "	6 45
L. H. Doolittle, "	5 25
Alvin A. Long, "	27 42
Amos Whittaker, "	2 25
Fred Simonds, "	22 74
John Cassy, Jr., "	75
David Dale, "	2 25
W. De Y. Field, "	6 00
Charles Pomeroy, "	12 30
R. K. Caldwell, "	4 80
Fred Thomas, "	2 60
Frank V. Doolittle, timber for bridge,	6 75
Charles H. Green, timber for bridge,	16 00
Merriman & Tilden, sewer grates,	5 25

\$1444 89

H. W. MONTATUE, } Road Commissioners
 S. L. GATES, } of
 GEO. J. BACON, } Northfield.

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR STONE AND GRAVEL.

James Barry, labor,	\$23 10
Frank B. Holton, "	18 75
Wright Arlin, "	31 50
Geo. A. Stearns, "	23 10
A. J. Arlin, "	32 00
Daniel O'Keefe, "	4 50
Henry M. Ward, "	24 60
Terrence Coughlin, "	7 30
Orlando Davis, "	24 40
John Callaghan, "	8 85
Fred H. Turner, "	7 80
Thos. Quinlan, "	23 00
Isaac Mattoon, "	9 20
S. L. Gates, "	39 80
C. I. Holton, "	54 72
H. J. Evans, "	10 80
H. W. Webster, "	36 30
Amos Bigelow, "	33 00
John Robbins, "	33 00
M. T. Moore, "	25 20
George A. Stevens, "	5 10
Howard & Stimpson, "	4 80
Fred Stearns, "	4 60
Charles Pomeroy, "	35 00
Charles R. Pomeroy, "	6 55
	<hr/> \$526 57

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

We have expended the past season the sums as follows :

For general repairs of '90,	\$1353 32	
bills of '89,	91 55	
stone and gravel,	526 57	
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For new road near Frank Streeter's,	\$92 50	
" " " land damage,	55 00	
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We would state that there will be a road to build the present season that was accepted the past year. As we have not all the bills in for the year, we have made an estimate of same and think \$75 will be a fair estimate.

H. W. MONTAGUE,	}	Road Commissioners
S. L. GATES,		of
GEORGE J. BACON,		Northfield.

CONTINGENT.

Henry Wright, care of Town hall for '89,	\$25 20
“ “ “ Town clock “	15 00
“ “ driving hearse for '89,	38 50
“ “ “ “ “ '90,	28 00
“ “ care of clock “ “	15 00
“ “ “ Town hall and Library '90,	30 40
“ “ repairs on Town hall,	3 00
Wright Stratton, abatement of taxes,	107 15
“ “ “ “	46 68
“ “ discount on taxes,	295 93
“ “ as Collector for '89,	40 00
“ “ as Town Officer “	40 35
Albert R. Lyman, as Registrar “	10 00
Charles L. Robbins, “ “	8 12
E. Millen, error in tax for '89,	2 00
Dudley Johnson, abatement of tax for '89 and '90,	7 90
Fred G. Morgan, mowing cemetery, “ “	8 00
Wright Arlin, “ “ '90,	3 94
A. J. Arlin, “ “ “	3 95
B. Morrisson, “ “ “	2 00
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing Town Reports,	82 70
Allen & Sons, goods,	9 00
L. T. & C. H. Webster, goods,	17 47
Lyman Barton, as Surveyor,	7 00
H. B. Parker, water rent, '90,	3 00
H. W. Webster, “ “	5 00
Geo. Hilliard, “ “	5 00
Northfield Aqueduct Co., water rent, '90,	10 00
Mrs. S. A. Field, “ “	5 00
E. A. Hall, tax books,	4 15
Charles Warden, repairs on sleigh,	2 00
James Wall, toll for his child,	3 64
Charles L. Banks, abatement of tax,	4 22
Elijah Dickinson, error in tax,	1 95
Leonard R. Smith, “ “	1 25
Perley B. Stimpson, “ “	2 00
Alvin A. Long, “ “	4 03
Mrs. Lyman Gilbert, “ “	3 70
Charles A. Moulton, stove for hall,	5 00
Wm. M. Moore, repairs on hall,	1 50

A. Shepardson, water rent, '90,	3 00
Charles A. Moulton, cash items,	9 29
Stephen G. Wildes, " "	2 60
H. E. Wells, as Town Officer,	23 15
Wm. E. Merriman, Election Officer,	2 50
Geo. F. Alexander, " "	2 50
John Cassey, Jr., " "	2 50
" " " Town Officer,	2 50
Charles Pomeroy, Election " "	2 50
" " as Justice of Peace,	13 75
" " Perry farm tax,	3 95
W. J. Wright, cash items,	17 19
" " as Town Treasurer,	40 00
" " " Clerk,	82 00
" " burial permits,	6 00
Medad Moody, repairs, Town hall,	2 77
Peter C. Johnson, for Town,	1 05
R. K. Caldwell, discount, '90,	327 87
F. W. Piper, for building cemetery fence,	25 68
Sumner Collier, one burial permit,	25
Mrs. E. W. Colton, surveyor's chain,	1 00
Wright Stratton, abatement E. White tax,	4 00
Geo. J. Bacon, cash items, '89,	13 40
" " " " '90,	11 85
H. M. Alkins, repairs of stove,	2 75
Sumner G. Titus, error in tax,	3 93
R. K. Caldwell, as Constable,	8 80
Vt. Ct. R. R. Co., toll,	4 22
R. K. Caldwell, as Collector,	67 85
A. D. Turner Estate, error in tax, '89 and '90,	11 63
Henry Wright, 2d, 19 burial permits,	4 75
W. Stratton, error in tax book, '89,	6 00
L. Barton, surveying,	7 00

\$1,621 18

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cash for Library,	275 00
Greenfield Savings Bank interest,	207 00
C. H. Webster, Insurance Town Hall,	45 00
Charles Pomeroy, Insurance School House,	51 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
County Tax,	1294 12
Hilliard & Mann, land damage,	55 00
Wesley Mann, building new road,	92 50
State aid,	144 00
Town Officers as per Auditors' Report, '90,	588 37
H. M. Alkins, for drain tile,	61 65
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	\$2863 64

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH

W. J. WRIGHT, TREAS.

	DR.	CR.
By balance previous year's account,		\$1922 45
“ cash from W. Stratton, coll.,		1830 31
To paid selectmen's orders,	\$12378 46	
By cash from R. K. Caldwell, coll.,		
1890 tax,		9225 00
“ sale of ashes at Farms,		1 00
To paid selectmen's orders, (outstanding,)	10 25	

By credit to schools,	1 88
“ cash from town of Erving, (tuition,)	2 50
R. K. Caldwell, account	
Mary Pierson,	83 94
rent of hall at Farms,	6 00
S. L. Gates, (sale of	
wheels,)	15 00
C. A. Ware, account	
Fred Nye,	169 00
Sale school books,	1 87
Town of Bernardston,	23 75
Rent Town hall,	39 00
State treas. corporation tax,	9 20
“ “	972 51
“ Nat. bank tax,	274 34
“ state aid,	24 00
“ “	48 00
“ Income Mass.	
School Fund,	213 92

To paid Franklin County N'l bank
temporary loans, 7100 00

By cash from temporary loans, 6988 00
To paid State tax, 700 00
To balance, 1662 96

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Northfield, Mass., Feb. 5th, 1891.

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

To Orders on Town Treasurer since Feb. 24,'90, \$12815 60

By paid for Highways,	1444 89
“ Contingent,	1621 18
“ Poor,	2349 33
“ Schools,	4009 99
“ Miscellaneous,	2863 64
“ Broken Stone and Gravel,	526 57

\$12815 60

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. MOULTON,	

**FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
FEB. 5, 1891.**

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$4600 00
Franklin County Nat. Bank,	1000 00
Geo. J. Bacon, Selectman,	115 75
S. G. Wildes, “	97 25
C. A. Moulton, “	59 25
W. J. Wright, School Committee,	68 25
L. R. Smith, “ “	34 70
A. A. Rice, “ “	
Outstanding orders,	437 14
For schools,	811 00
For highways,	75 00
For poor,	20 00
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	\$7318 34

ASSETS.

Cash in town treasury,	1662 96
Due from Collector of Taxes, 1890,	2043 78
“ Henry Wright, 2d, for Town Hall,	29 00
“ W. Stratton, error in settlement,	6 00
“ City of Holyoke,	21 28
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	\$3763 02

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
S. G. WILDES, } of
C. A. MOULTON, } Northfield.

ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1891,	\$1065 41
Drawn from the bank and paid as follows :	
Paid widow of John Weeks,	5 00
" " Wm. Stevens,	10 00
" " Elijah Field,	5 00
Paid Emma Hilliard,	5 00
Miss Fannie Field,	5 00
" Mary Field,	5 00
widow of Charles Morgan,	5 00
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	40 00

Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1891. \$1025 41

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
S. G. WILDES,	
C. A. MOULTON,	

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
February 17th, 1891.

Number of volumes in library, last report,	3099
“ “ purchased past year,	92
“ “ presented by Agricultural Library and others,	175
Total,	<u>3366</u>

Number of families, patrons of library,	210
“ volumes circulated,	4290
Total amount of fines collected,	\$7 37
“ “ fees from visitors,	1 80
	<u>\$9 17</u>
Amount paid by Librarian for incidentals,]	1 54
Balance,	<u>\$7 63</u>
Uncollected fines,	\$1 15

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

	DR.
To cash on hand last report,	\$10 98
“ appropriation for new books,	100 00
“ “ “ Librarian and incidentals,	75 00
“ “ “ re-catalogueing library,	100 00
“ cash received from fines,	7 63
	<u>\$293 61</u>

1890.

		CR.
April 11,	By paid for covering-paper,	\$1 80
" 11,	" express on same,	25
" 12,	" for "Heroes of Dark Continent,"	3 00
" 14,	" " "Massachusetts in the Civil War,"	5 00
" 14,	" express on same,	25
" 24,	" " new books,	1 15
" 28,	" DeWolf, Fisk & Co., for new books,	93 83
Aug. 25,	" express on catalogues,	75
" 27,	" for Stanley's "In Darkest Africa,"	7 50
Sept. 12,	" E. A. Hall & Co., for labels,	1 50
Oct. 6,	" " " catalogues,	112 00
Nov. 14,	" express on books,	30

1891.

Jan. 2,	" L. W. Rice. for re-binding books,	10 30
Feb. 17,	By balance in hands of committee,	55 98
		<hr/> \$293. 61

DR. R. C. WARD,	}	Library
DR. N. P. WOOD,		
CAPT. C. C. DUNCAN,	}	Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
AND
ASSESSORS
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
Library Committee and Town Treasurer,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEB. 10, 1892.

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1892.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

In conformity to the usual custom, we, the Selectmen, submit our reports and of the Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for your consideration.

As Assessors we would again call your attention to the desirability of each citizen bringing in a list of taxable property, as required by chap. 11 of the Public Statutes. By conforming to the law, a large amount of labor would be saved the Assessors and oft times hard feelings on the part of the tax payer. Errors in assessment which have to be corrected by orders of abatement, would not then be as numerous. As Overseers of the Poor we have renewed our contract with O. H. Doolittle for three years, for the support of such paupers as we may see fit to place there.

We have to report the death of Catharine Hanwell at the Worcester hospital and Fred A. Nye at Northampton. Fred A. Nye has not been any expense to the town, as we have received the cost of his support from C. A. Ware, his guardian. We have also reason to think that the amount expended on account of Mary Pierson will be refunded by her brother.

For a detailed statement of the cost of the Poor for the past year, see Report.

In regard to the financial condition of the town, as near as we can estimate it, the indebtedness of the town is \$2688.69.

We would recommend an appropriation on the town note at Greenfield Savings Bank of (\$500.00,) five hundred dollars.

In closing we would recommend appropriations for the ensuing year as follows :

For highways, sixteen hundred dollars, (\$1600.00,) contingent and support of poor, three thousand dollars, (\$3,000.00.)

TOWN WARRANT.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Treasurer, Selectmen, School Committee, Library Committee and Auditors, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

Art. 5. To vote on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale or intoxicating liquors in this town?" The vote to be by separate ballot and the ballots to be yes or no.

Art. 6. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the revision of the jury list, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid in full on or before Oct. 1st, or act thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the observance of Decoration Day.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be applied on the town debt, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will allow the school houses to be used for other than school purposes, or act thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will abolish the office of Road Commissioner.

Art. 13. To see if the town will cause the east line of Main St., between Moody St. and Webster's brook, to be surveyed and suitable bound stones placed at the angles, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at its last annual meeting, relative to the purchase of a new hearse.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purchase of a new hearse or for repairs on the old one, or act anything thereon.

JURY LIST FOR 1892.

James T. Cummings,	Charles L. Robbins,
Nelson G. Hilliard,	Pitts W. Preston,
John H. Morgan,	Melvin J. Col'ler,
Albert R. Lyman,	Samuel C. Holton,
George P. Field,	Walter D. Crane,
George J. Bacon,	Jairus L. Hammond,
Clifford I. Holton,	Eugene A. Foss,
Clarence A. Randall,	Henry C. Holton,
Leonard H. Smith,	James P. Barker,
Cornelius O'Keefe,	George F. Moody,
Daniel O'Keefe,	Freeman A. Hilliard,
Roswell E. Dickinson,	Albert Whitaker,
Frank H. Wright,	J. Wesley Mann.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 18th, 1892.

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH,	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Northfield:—

In accordance with the requirements of the public statutes of the Commonwealth, your School Committee respectfully submit their annual report for the year 1891 and 1892, giving an account of the condition, progress and requirements of our public schools.

It is with pleasure that we can report the school year as being one of more than average success. Your committee have to thank the teachers for their uniformly prompt attention to all suggestions and the ready courtesy with which our plans, in all directions, have been carried out; the scholars for the studious and obedient manner with which (with but few exceptions), they have conducted themselves, and the parents and guardians for the willingness with which they have co-operated with teachers and committee in securing good attendance and that degree of order, without which success in the school-room can never be attained.

As this report is made up before the schools close we are unable to give the average attendance and membership, but can say the attendance during the spring and fall terms was good, but on account, we believe, of the prevailing epidemic, the attendance through the winter term has not been as good.

There have been ten schools in town the past year, and all will have had at the close of the present term thirty-two weeks of school, except the grammar, which will have had twenty-four and the Mountain schools, No. 5, had twenty-eight, and No. 6 twenty-nine.

Slight repairs have been made on all the school buildings. It was found to be necessary to relay the tops of the chimneys in No. 1 and to reset the furnace, which was quite a bill of expense, but it was found that the furnace after being put in order was nearly sufficient to warm the entire building. Your committee, however, placed a wood stove in the upper room for the grammar school, but it has been necessary to use it only a few times. The building now needs a coat of paint.

Henry Mason has had charge of this house through the fall and winter terms of school. The \$700 raised last year for the new building, recommended by your committee for No. 6 has been appropriated and this district has now one of the best houses in town, well furnished with good desks of modern pattern. No. 9 has been furnished with new and modern style desks which were much needed and the building is now in good condition; it will not need any extensive repairs for some years.

No. 4 has had a new stove, but this building needs repairs, the walls and ceiling are in a bad condition and should be replaced with new.

We recommend that the town make a small appropriation for repairs on the house in No. 5, new clapboards and paint, with one side shingled and perhaps some slight repairs in the interior would put the building in comfortable condition and be a wise expenditure of money.

The house in No. 2 has been neglected in the way of repairs for need of funds. The building is quite good and it will not take a large sum to put it in neat and comfortable order. We think it can be done without an extra appropriation if your committee have the usual amount for repairs. The committee feel they were quite fortunate in their selection of teachers; all seem to have worked with a spirit of determination, that their efforts should result in inspiring the pupils with enthusiasm for their work and establishing in their characters habits of industry and a fixed purpose in life.

In June last, a teachers' convention, arranged by Messrs. G. T. Fletcher and Henry F. Baily, members of the State Board of

Education, was held at the town hall.

Teachers and committees from the towns of Warwick, Gill and Bernardston, together with all citizens interested were invited; the meeting was made interesting and exceedingly helpful to those directly engaged in education; would the citizens more generally attend these meetings they could not fail to become more interested in the cause of education and realize more fully the work your school board has in charge.

We would recommend the holding of monthly teachers' meetings, that the teachers might come together for a few hours and freely discuss their work; such an exchange of experiences could not fail to be of mutual advantage.

While the same course of study is used by all, as well as text-books, each teacher finds circumstances peculiar to her own school.

Your committee granted Miss Mary Thurston one-half hour a week in each school, to be given to instruction in vocal music.

Miss Thurston is an efficient teacher and in this way our schools have had an opportunity of receiving the advantages of musical training, a branch of study which is given so much attention in many places.

She has received no part of the town's appropriation for her services, but we feel we ought to make favorable mention of her work.

Your committee have made no change in text-books the past year, except in hygiene, having put into the schools one of the Pathfinder series, "Hygiene for Young People," in place of Brand's.

A need, long-felt in our town for a school of higher grade than any we have previously had, to successfully carry on our school system, was met by your appropriation of last year.

The school was established last September in the upper room of the Centre school building. Your committee after carefully considering the applications of many experienced teachers, engaged Miss Mary Pratt, of Bath, Me. She has proved a competent teacher and we feel that we were fortunate in our selection.

The many advantages which were anticipated in the establishing of this school have been fully realized.

The school has had the names of thirty-one scholars enrolled upon its register, with an average membership of twenty-seven ; it has had pupils from six of the eight school districts.

Not only have these scholars had the advantage of coming in contact with scholars of their own age and mental strength, but it has left time for teachers in the several districts to spend with the primary classes that has usually been absorbed with these older pupils.

The course of study has been such as was in the judgment of the committee best adapted to the pupils ; the study of Latin was left optional ; twelve have taken this branch.

The progress has been good in all the branches.

The intense interest shown in this school by all scholars and the manifest appreciation of its advantages by scholars now in attendance, bespeaks for it a prosperous future.

In conclusion we would recommend that there be appropriated the ensuing year : For schools, \$2800, the same as last year ; repairs, \$300 ; books and supplies, \$300 ; repair fund for No. 5, \$150 ; conveyance of scholars, \$100.

L. R. SMITH,	} Committee.
A. A. RICE,	
W. J. WRIGHT.	

FINANCIAL SCHOOL REPORT,

For the year ending Feb. 10, 1892.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2300 00	
Repairs,	300 00	
Text books and supplies,	300 00	
Conveyance,	100 00	
Massachusetts school fund,	267 64	
Dog fund,	219 37	
Higher grade school,	500 00	
Building fund,	700 00	
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SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Lizzie M. Cousins,	\$210 00	
Jennie S. Pierce,	160 00	
Jennie M. Mann,	184 70	
Julia A. Webster,	150 00	
Lizzie A. Kelley,	150 00	
Kate G. Mattoon,	130 00	
Effie L. Bowker,	150 00	
> Carrie L. Greenleaf,	150 00	
Lucy V. Alexander,	160 00	
Mary E. Pratt,	144 00	
	<hr/>	\$1588 70

TUITION.

	Town of Bernardston.	
A. A. Rice's children,	\$8 00	
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EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Jennie Mann, No. 6,	\$61 20
Parsons, Stearns & Co.,	11 29
Boston School Supply Co.,	6 22
S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	4 86
Effie L. Bowker,	90 00
Annie C. Gallup,	90 00
Lizzie A. Kelley,	90 00
Henry W. Russell,	3 60
Charles F. Field,	3 60
Lizzie M. Cousins,	120 00
Alfred Nash,	6 00
George H. Slate,	18 00
Jennie S. Pierce,	96 00
Merrill T. Moore,	4 00
Lucy V. Alexander,	96 00
American Ex. Co.,	1 25
Kate Campbell,	1 75
L. R. Smith,	4 15
E. A. Worden,	75
Lillian M. Thayer,	101 00
Charles Aldrich,	2 00
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	\$811 67

FUEL.

George A. Stearns, wood,	\$16 00
John H. Murphy, labor,	2 00
Warren Field, wood,	14 00
“ labor,	1 75
Benj. R. Morrison, labor,	4 50
C. I. Holton, wood,	14 00
H. Doolittle, “	22 00
E. S. Bardwell, coal,	63 70
Thomas Quinlan, wood,	4 00
F. W. Piper, “	9 00
Chas. A. Moulton, “	15 00
W. W. Merriman, “	4 50
F. H. Simmonds, “	1 00
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	\$171 45

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

John H. Murphy, Nos. 9 and 3,	6 78
M. T. Moore, No. 1,	12 19
Francis H. Turner, No. 1,	1 10
W. A. Choate & Co.,	87 00
G. H. Alexander, No. 1,	11 67
Charles Stratton, No. 1,	50
C. I. Holton, No. 7,	16 61
M. H. Alkins, No. 1,	38 64
“ “ 7,	1 60
C. H. Stratton, No. 1,	2 00
M. H. Alkins, No. 4,	15 50
“ “ 1,	28 13
“ “ 9,	12 75
H. R. Crowell, No. 2,	98
J. P. Aldrich, No. 7,	3 25
	<hr/> \$238 70

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. L. Hildreth & Co.,	2 75
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	33 60
Boston School Supply Co.,	38 09
A. A. Rice,	1 20
American Book Co.,	15 00
Parsons, Stearns & Co.,	4 89
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	21 88
A. S. Barnes & Co.,	16 20
Boston School Supply Co.,	160 00
American Book Co.,	1 60
Parsons, Stearns & Co.,	4 20
American Express Co.,	8 18
	<hr/> \$307 59

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

John H. Murphy, cleaning No. 3 and No. 9,		\$4 50	
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 2,	\$2 00		
“ “ “ 1,	5 00		
“ “ drawing sand 1,	1 00		
			8 00
Kate G. Mattoon, care No. 6, two terms,		6 00	
Effie L. Bowker, “ 4, “		7 00	
Elizabeth Clark, cleaning No. 4,		5 00	
Henry W. Russell, care No. 9,		3 90	
Carrie L. Greenleaf, “ “		2 10	
Chas. Field, “ 3,		2 50	
Jennie M. Mann, “ 5,		6 00	
Chas. A. Malley, “ 1,		11 50	
F. W. Farrington, “ 2,		2 50	
Ernest Phillips, “ 7,		3 50	
Mrs. James P. Aldrich, cleaning No. 7,		6 00	
Lizzie A. Kelley, care No. 3,		3 00	
Mrs. Frank Harness, cleaning No. 5,		3 00	
H. H. Mason, care No. 1,		17 00	
Geo. J. Strange,		4 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 3,	\$2 50		
“ “ “ 9,	2 50		
“ “ “ 1,	8 00		
“ “ “ 2,	2 00		
			\$15 00
			<u>\$110 50</u>

NEW BUILDING.

Geo. E. Collier, contract,	\$527 50	
W. W. Wheelock, foundation,	55 50	
Boston School Supply Co., liquid slating,	5 00	
W. A. Choate & Co., furniture,	48 00	
M. T. Moore, drawing furniture,	1 50	
F. W. Piper, painting, etc.,	63 50	
		<u>\$701 00</u>

NEW CENTRE SCHOOL.

W. A. Choate & Co., furniture,	\$97 00	
W. M. Moore, repairs and alterations,	51 88	
W. F. Sanders, 4 chairs,	6 00	
Thompson, Brown & Co., text books,	38 79	
M. T. Moore, hauling furniture	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$195 17

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,		\$4687 01
Old bills paid,	\$811 67	
Paid teachers, two terms,	1588 70	
Care buildings,	110 50	
Fuel,	171 45	
Repairs on buildings,	238 70	
Text books and supplies,	307 59	
New building,	701 00	
New centre school,	195 17	
Tuition,	8 00	
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Total expenditure,	\$4132 78	
Expenses previous year's acc't,	811 67	
“ current “	3321 11	
Due “ “	920 00	
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	\$4241 11	

The amount \$920.00 given as due to complete the school year is an approximated estimate and it is thought the amount is ample to cover all bills coming due.

Received from sale of text books, \$1.53.

Paid town treasurer, \$1.53.

L. R. SMITH,	} Committee.
A. A. RICE,	
W. J. WRIGHT,	

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Assessed value of real estate,	\$712,082 00	
“ “ personal estate,	115,769 00	
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Total		\$827,411 00

No. of acres of land assessed,	18,651½
“ dwelling houses,	372
“ horses,	450
“ cows,	769
“ neat cattle,	365
“ swine,	247
“ sheep,	226

TOWN ASSESSMENT FOR 1891.

Voted for schools,	\$2300 00	
“ “ repairs,	300 00	
“ “ supplies,	300 00	
“ “ conveyance,	100 00	
“ contingent and poor,	2800 00	
“ library,	175 00	
“ new school house, No. 6,	700 00	
“ Memorial Day,	50 00	
“ higher grade school,	500 00	
“ Centre cemetery,	100 00	
“ highways,	1600 00	
“ gravel for highways,	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$9225 00
For County tax,	\$1294 12	
State tax,	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$1894 12
Overlays,		112 09
		<hr/>
Total raised by tax,		\$11231 21

Raised on polls,	\$882 00	
“ “ personal estate,	1447 63	
“ “ real estate,	8901 58	
	<hr/>	\$11231 21

No. of polls, 441.

Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate per cent. on \$1000, \$12.50.

GEO. J. BACON,	} Assessors of Northfield.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH,	

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

OZRO H. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Mrs. Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, 1892,	\$117 00
“ “ Lucretia Sawyer, “ “	117 00
“ “ Jerusha Doolittle, “ “	117 00

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Mary Pierson to Jan. 1, 1892,	169 46
“ Kate Hanwell to April 26, 1891,	58 79
Burial expenses of Kate Hanwell,	13 00

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Fred Nye to July 2, 1891,	84 97
“ Coleman C. Smith to Jan. 1, 1892,	169 46

BRIDGEWATER STATE FARM.

Board of Charles Parker to Jan. 1, 1892,	182 40
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FRANK V. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Charles Lord to Dec. 1, 1891,	65 05
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CITY OF HOLYOKE.

Aid to Mrs. John Cutting in 1890,	8 00
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CITY OF LOWELL.

Board of Fred Whitney and family,	11 00
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TOWN OF ERVING.

Board of Abraham Richards and wife in 1890,	54 21
C. W. Lyman, groceries to Abraham Richards and wife in 1890,	35 00
C. W. Lyman, groceries to Abraham Richards and wife in 1891,	36 00
C. L. Robbins, aid to Abraham Richards and wife in 1891,	51 32

AID TO CHANCEY K. KIMPLIN AND WIFE.

Parsons & Stearns, 1890,	35 32
Frank V. Doolittle, house rent to April 1, 1892,	10 00
“ “ wood,	3 50

AID TO WM. SMITH AND WIFE.

Parsons & Stearns, goods,	4 32
C. A. Ware, goods,	2 00
Thos. Quinlin, wood,	4 00

AID TO MRS. ELECTIA STRATTON.

N. M. Knowlton of Westboro, for board to Jan. 1, '92,	40 00
Aid to Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe, for board to Feb. 1, '92,	66 25
Cash paid M. Dickinson, care of tramps,	16 80
“ John D. Cassy, “ “	7 44
“ R. C. Ward, medical attendance, town poor,	14 55
“ N. P. Wood, medical attendance, town poor,	6 25
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	\$1500 09

Received of C. A. Ware, guardian of		
Fred Nye,	85	00
" R. K. Caldwell,	"	
Mary Pierson,	83	94
	<u>168</u>	<u>94</u>
		\$168 94
Cost of town's poor,		<u>\$1331 15</u>

GEO. J. BACON, } Overseers
O. L. LEACH, } of
Poor.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cash for library,	\$105 00
Miss Minnie Alexander, for library books,	7 75
Greenfield Savings Bank, interest,	241 50
Memorial Day,	50 00
C. H. Webster, insurance town clock,	15 00
C. Pomeroy, " school houses,	129 00
County tax for 1891,	1294 12
Town officers as per auditor's report, 1891,	427 05
State aid,	192 00
Thomas Quinlin, new road,	350 00
Cash paid for binding library books,	10 00
	<u>\$2821 42</u>

CONTINGENT.

L. T. Webster, Auditor, '89-'90,	\$5 00
F. H. Wright, " "	5 00
H. C. Holton, " "	5 00
" mowing cemetery and repairs,	4 50
Fred Parsons, " " "	1 50
B. Morrison, " " "	5 00
H. H. Mason and others, " "	10 60
" " work in Centre cemetery,	\$100 00
" care of Town hall and library,	30 00
" " clock,	15 00
" driving town hearse, '90-'91,	49 50
" return for burial permits,	7 50
" cleaning and repairs on Town hall,	7 30
W. J. Wright, Treasurer and Town Clerk,	\$123 50
" return of births,	5 25
" sundry cash items,	17 32
Geo. J. Bacon, " "	21 45
A. R. Lyman, services as Registrar,	10 00
F. J. Stockbridge, " "	11 25
T. J. Field, " " '89-'90,	27 50
H. E. Wells, " Constable, '90,	4 40
R. K. Caldwell, " Collector and Constable,	84 80
" discount on taxes, '91,	327 28
" abatement of poor taxes, '90,	61 58
James P. Barker, teller at Nov. election,	2 50
Wm. W. Merriam, " "	2 50
Geo. F. Alexander, " "	2 50
Chas. Pomeroy, " "	2 50
L. T. & C. H. Webster, goods for town,	27 42
Parsons & Stearns,	9 40
H. W. Webster, water rent,	5 00
G. H. Hilliard, " "	5 00
H. B. Parker, " "	3 00
C. T. Greenleaf, " " '90-91,	6 00
S. Field estate, " "	5 00

P. B. Murphy, list books,	2 15
E. A. Hall & Co., printing,	13 00
C. T. Bagnall, printing reports and letter heads,	31 30
F. V. Doolittle, wood for hall and library,	8 00
Ambert G. Moody, error in assessment of taxes,	16 88
D. L. Moody, " " "	6 25
Lyman D. Smith, " " "	6 25
Chas. and Jane Gilbert, " " "	4 50
A. D. Turner's heirs, " " "	5 81
Mrs. Susan Marsh, " " "	1 25
Mrs. Cornelia Walker, " " "	1 25
Mrs. Carrie Holton, " " "	6 25
Edwin Pratt, " " "	1 87
Dudley Johnson, abatement tax (Perry),	3 95
F. A. Webster, boxing ballot box,	1 25
F. A. Webster, surveyor stakes,	1 00
W. T. Butler, repairs ballot box,	25
M. H. Alkins, goods for town,	3 70
Mass. State Treasurer, weights and measures,	2 00
H. H. Mason, cleaning and repairs, weights and measures,	3 25
Chas. E. Pierce, dog license book,	2 37
Edward Wilbur, bound stones,	1 00
N. P. Wood, services for Board of Health,	2 00
H. M. Stacey, repairs on hearse,	8 25
L. G. Barton, as surveyor,	15 50
Chas. Pomeroy, services as Justice of Peace,	11 00
C. A. Ware, services as teller at town meeting,	2 50
M. J. Collier, mowing cemetery,	1 50
A. D. Stearns, fixing saws, etc.,	50
O. L. Leach, stove for hall at Farms,	11 80
Ct.Vt. R. R. Co., toll,	2 54

\$1192 67

OUTSTANDING BILLS OF 1890 FOR HIGHWAYS.

T. J. Field, '88, breaking roads,	2 70
Albert Stearns, '90, highway,	1 40
S. L. Gates, " "	10 90
Q. H. Ewers, " "	4 67
H. C. Holton, " "	1 00
A. Dickinson, estate, '89, plank,	17 42
S. S. Fisher, '90, breaking roads,	2 55
Gardner Collier, " labor,	7 80
Cassius Baldwin, " "	75
John Callaghan, " "	3 00
H. James Wall, " "	10 00
Jas. Campbell,	1 42
Northfield Seminary,	100 00
	<hr/> \$163 61

HIGHWAY BILLS FOR 1891.

LABOR AND MATERIAL.

H. W. Montague,	\$68 31
F. Whithead,	18 45
S. G. Titus,	2 25
Chas. Tatro,	37
H. T. Field,	14 00
Fred Ruggles,	1 35
B. F. Streeter,	3 60
G. B. Kenny,	9 00
J. L. Hammond,	50
L. C. Miller,	7 50
A. Whitaker,	9 45
N. G. Hilliard,	25
S. S. Fisher,	13 20
Ralph Simonds,	3 22
E. C. Nash,	3 15
Fred Hilliard,	1 50
E. O. Miller,	75
David Clowes,	3 75
O. Darling,	1 65
S. Stickney,	4 20
C. A. Moulton,	1 36
S. Weatherhead,	15

M. D. Stratton, plank,	20 55
P. H. Brian,	1 20
I. H. Ewers,	3 00
L. Fisher,	67
Geo. F. Alexander,	50
Fred Simonds,	1 00
H. Montague, expenses on Munn's ferry,	11 13
“ “ Morgan ferry,	5 55
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs for road scraper,	10 60
A. D. Stearns, repairs on ferry boat, Munn's ferry,	21 38
Geo. A. Stearns,	78 42
T. B. Holton,	12 29
Alex. Holton,	14 79
O. C. Holton,	5 62
A. Kineston,	90
W. D. Y. Field,	39 60
Wm. Pratt,	1 80
J. Clark,	1 20
R. Stratton,	45
C. Jones,	60
John Robbins,	9 65
Henry Ward,	1 50
A. Baldwin,	75
C. O. Keett,	60
E. Gillitt,	60
Wm. Stratton, Plank,	11 20
M. C. Miller,	4 50
Wm. Bain,	94 43
Wm. Burrows,	20 00
B. Morrisson,	2 00
C. I. Holton,	24 65
Jerry Twine,	4 75
P. W. Preston,	2 00
Clinton Whittaker,	82
R. K. Caldwell,	5 35
R. Phillips,	24 60
D. D. Streeter,	18 00
Ed Smith,	17 75
F. W. Piper,	31 31
Wm. Piper,	29 35
J. Vorce,	33
A. Collier,	29 81

Geo. Piper,	60
Wm. Wheelock,	90
F. Harness,	3 07
G. Murdock,	79
Martin Vorce,	4 35
F. V. Doolittle, for plank,	32 00
C. H. Green, “	17 63
John Crelan,	40 00
Thos Quinlan,	99 25
Isaac Murdock,	6 85
Wm. M. Reed,	3 00
C. A. Ware,	14 00
J. Bump,	5 25
A. J. Arlin,	16 00
J. Dale,	3 16
Chas. P. Britton,	279 90
“ “ cash items,	3 20
“ “ drawing gravel,	78 80
“ “ new road,	26 10
Fred Britton, drawing gravel,	10 00
C. P. Britton, work on Aldrich street,	25 00
Edwin Rugg,	54 40
Lewis Davis,	10 75
A. Long,	5 50
A. Stratton, cutting tree,	3 00
A. Carpenter,	7 50
P. C. Johnson, repairs on Scraper,	1 15
Amos. Bigelow,	6 75
Fred Lewis,	3 00
James Campbell,	2 25

1677 47

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

To Orders on Town Treasurer since Feb. 5th, '91, \$11,324 68

Paid for Highways,	1677 47
“ Contingent,	1192 67
“ Poor,	1500 09
“ Schools,	4133 03
“ Miscellaneous,	2821 42
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	\$11324 68

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
C. L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT, TREAS.

By balance from previous year's account,		\$1662 96
To paid Selectman's orders, (out- standing),		\$413 89
Feb. 14.	By auctioneer's license (R. K. Caldwell's)	2 00
Mar. 20.	By corporation tax,	23 76
" "	" cash from City of Holyoke,	21 28
June 8.	" " dog fund from County Treasurer, C. M. Moody,	81 60
July 30.	" " from R. K. Caldwell, account Mary Pier- son,	43 94
Aug. 29.	" " from C. A. Ware, ac- count Fred A. Nye,	85 00
	" " State of Mass.,	36 41
Oct 26.	" " Auctioneer's license, R. K. Caldwell,	2 00
Sept. 12.	" " from A. L. Leach, rent of hall at Farms,	2 00
Dec. 8.	" " corporation tax, National bank tax, State and military aid,	1264 34
Dec. 21.	" Mrs. Henry Wright, rent of town hall,	29 00
1892.		
Jan. 6.	" from School Committee, sale of old school desks,	2 00

12.	“ “ E.A. Newcomb, County Treasurer, dog fund,	137 77
13.	“ “ R. K. Caldwell, account Mary Pierson,	40 00
27.	“ “ State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	267 64
	To paid Selectmen's orders,	11265 95
Feb. 8.	By cash from H. H. Mason, rent of town hall,	35 00
1891.		
Dec. 8.	To paid State tax,	600 00
	By cash, temporary loans from Franklin County National bank notes,	5918 72
	By cash temporary loan from O. L. Leach's note,	987 08
	By cash 1890, tax from R. K. Caldwell, collector,	2054 14
	By cash 1891, tax from R. K. Caldwell, collector,	9750 00
	To paid Franklin County National Bank notes,	7000 00
	O. L. Leach's note,	1000 00
	Balance,	2166 80
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		\$22446 64 \$22446 64

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 10, 1892.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
FEB. 10, 1892.**

LIABILITIES,

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$4600 00
Geo. J. Bacon, Selectman,	135 50
C. L. Robbins, “	83 74
O. L. Leach, “	56 25
W. J. Wright, School Committee,	70 00
L. R. Smith, “ “	51 73
A. A. Rice, “ “	55 75
Outstanding orders,	58 73
For Schools,	920 00
For Highways, (including new road,) Estimate,	125 00
For poor, “	150 00
Town of Gill,	37 75
To balance due Library Committee,	52 25
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	\$6396 70

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	\$2166 80
Due from Collector of Taxes, 1891,	1481 21
Interest on Surplus Revenue,	60 00
Balance against town Feb. 10,	2688 69
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	\$6396 70

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
C. L. ROBBINS, } of
O. L. LEACH, } Northfield.

ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank Jan. 1st, 1891,		\$1065 41
Drawn from bank and paid as follows :		
Widow Wm. Stevens,	\$10 00	
“ Chas. Morgan,	5 00	
Miss Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
“ Fanny Field,	5 00	
“ May Field,	5 00	
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	\$30 00	
Cash in Overseer of Poor's hands,	10 00	
Amount in bank Jan. 1, 1892,		\$1045 90

GEO. J. BACON,	} Overseers
C. L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH,	
	of
	Poor.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

February 18, 1892.

Number of volumes in library per last report,	3366
“ “ purchased past year,	88
“ “ presented “	27
Total,	3481
Number of families, patrons of library,	172
“ visitors “ “	18
“ volumes taken by visitors,	64
“ “ “ “ families,	4094
Total amount of fines collected,	\$11 92
“ “ “ fees from visitors,	3 20
	\$15 12
Amount paid by Librarian for incidentals,	4 37
	\$10 75
Balance,	80
Uncollected fines,	

Your committee would call the attention of the town to the fact that in two years more the present library room will be inadequate to hold the books then on hand. We think the town ought to make immediate provision for better and ampler accommodations for our yearly increasing and really fine public library.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTFIELD

	DR.
To cash on hand per last report,	\$55 98
“ appropriation for new books,	100 00
“ “ “ Librarian and incidentals,	75 00
“ cash received from fines,	10 75
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	\$241 73

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1891.	
April. By Salary as Librarian to Helen Bagnall,	\$60 00
“ 30, Minnie E. Alexander, for books,	7 75
May 25, L. W. Rice, for rebinding books,	10 00
June 20, express on books,	1 00
“ 22, “ “ “	90
July 4, “ “ “	30
“ 9, “ “ “	30
“ 9, postage on books and letters,	25
“ 14, express on supplemental catalogues,	15
“ 15, DeWolf, Fiske & Co., for new books,	87 95
“ 21, printing supplemental catalogues,	3 60
“ 21, postage,	04
Aug. 13, express on books,	25
Sept. 29, covering paper and labels,	1 20
Nov. 14, express on books	60
1892.	
Feb. 18, Salary as Librarian, Mrs. H. E. Wells,	60 00
“ “ Balance in hands of committee,	7 44
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	\$241 73

N. P. WOOD,	}	Library
C. C. DUNCAN,		
R. C. WARD,		Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor,
AND
ASSESSORS
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
LIBRARY COMMITTEE AND TOWN TREASURER,
For the Year Ending February 10th, 1893.

TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:

PRINTED BY CECIL T. BAGNALL, PROPRIETOR OF REPORTER.
1893.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD.

We herewith submit for your consideration the annual report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

As Overseers of the Poor we have to report the deaths of Miss Jerusha Doolittle and Miss Lucretia Sawyer, which occurred respectively in April and July.

Miss Amy Marsh, who is at O. H. Doolittle's, is the only person (outside of insane asylums) now fully supported by the town.

We have to report one addition to the number of insane paupers, Miss Mary A. Coughlin. We hope to be partially remunerated in this case, as we learn that Miss Coughlin has some funds in the hands of the judge of the Probate Court.

The town of Montague has an unsettled claim against the town of Northfield for aid furnished to Mrs. George Doolittle and Dwight Cook. The bill has not been presented, so we do not know the exact amount.

In regard to the financial condition of the town, as nearly as we can estimate it, the net indebtedness of the town is \$972.97.

We have made a payment of \$500 on the town's note at the Greenfield Savings Bank, leaving a balance due on the note of \$4100.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year: Highways, \$1600; contingent and support of the poor, \$3000; town debt, \$500.

Mr. Dickinson refused to accept our award for land damages in the case of the new road near D. L. Preston's and that claim remains unsettled.

TOWN WARRANT.

March 6, 1893, 9 a. m.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Library Committee and Auditors, and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

Art. 5. To vote on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The vote to be by separate ballot and the ballots to be yes or no.

Art. 6. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the revision of the jury list, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid in full on or before a certain date, fix the date and determine the rate of discount, or act anything thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Decoration Day, or act anything thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied on the town debt, or act thereon.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to place gravel or clay upon the highway between the residence of the late Anson Gage and schoolhouse No. 3, raise and appropriate any money for that purpose, or act anything thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the cemeteries in the town, or act anything thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to build a hearse house, raise and appropriate any money for that purpose, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to widen the culvert on Highland Avenue north of Holton St., raise and appropriate any money for that purpose, or act anything thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to gravel Highland Avenue between School St. and the bridge across Mill brook, raise and appropriate any money therefor, or act anything thereon.

JURY LIST 1893.

Nelson G. Hilliard,	Henry C. Holton,
Clifford I. Holton,	James P. Barker,
Clarence A. Randall,	Freeman A. Hilliard,
Daniel O'Keefe,	Albert Whitaker,
Roswell E. Dickinson,	Edward B. Murdock,
Francis H. Wright,	Charles A. Moulton,
George J. Bacon,	Charles D. Green,
Pitts W. Preston,	Thomas R. Callender,
Melvin J. Collier,	John A. Fisher,
Samuel C. Holton,	George H. Hilliard,
Walter D. Crane,	Charles C. Stearns,
Jairus L. Hammond,	Fayette C. Howard,
Eugene A. Foss,	Justus A. Holland.

Northfield, Feb. 10, 1893.

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
CHARLES L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH,	

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Assessed value of real estate,	\$727,878 00	
“ “ personal estate,	106,244 00	
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Total valuation May 1, 1892,		\$834,122 00

No. of acres of land assessed,	19,080½
“ dwelling houses,	372
“ horses,	452
“ cows,	743
“ sheep,	195
“ neat cattle,	363
“ swine,	180

ASSESSMENT FOR 1892.

State tax,	\$682 50	
County tax,	1333 68	
	<hr/>	\$2016 18

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 7, 1892.

Schools, in general,	\$2800 00	
School repairs,	300 00	
“ text books and supplies,	300 00	
“ repairs, Dist. No. 5,	150 00	
“ conveyance of scholars,	100 00	
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Highways,	1600 00	
Library,	175 00	
Town debt,	500 00	
Decoration Day,	50 00	
Contingent,	3000 00	
	<hr/>	\$8975 00
Overlays,		358 28
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Total raised by tax,		\$11,349 46

Raised on polls,	\$922 00	
“ real estate,	9099 10	
“ personal estate,	1328 36	
	<hr/>	\$11,349 46

No. of polls, 461.

Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate per cent. on \$1000, \$12.50.

Total number of persons and firms assessed, 689.

No. of persons assessed on property, 556.

No. of persons assessed for poll tax only, 133.

GEO. J. BACON,	} Assessors of Northfield.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH,	

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.**A. RICHARD AND WIFE.**

Aid from C. W. Lyman, goods,	\$57 65	
“ “ Town Winchendon,	7 00	
“ “ C. L. Robbins,	6 00	
“ “ J. Q. A. Bryant,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$84 65

TOWN BERNARDSTON.

To aid to Mrs. Alva Kimplin, '91 and '92,	50 00
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MASS. STATE FARM, BRIDGEWATER.

Board of Charles Parker,	146 40
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TOWN OF BELMONT.

To aid Martha Watson and children,	41 00
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CITY OF LOWELL.

To aid Fred Whitney and family,	38 57
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TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD.

To aid to Geo. W. Kenny and family, '91,	78 32
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TOWN OF WARWICK.

To aid Harrison B. Allen and family,	21 93
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CITY OF BOSTON.

To aid Miss Martha Downs, '91,	17 00
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MISS JENNIE SYKES, WESTBORO.

To aid of Mrs. Electia Stratton to Feb. 1, '93,	70 00
To aid Mrs. Ellen O'Keeffe,	65 00
To aid Wm. Smith from Thos. Quinlan, wood and corn fodder,	11 14
To cash paid Rev. A. A. Rice for services at funerals of Miss Jerusha Doolittle and Miss Lucretia Sawyer,	10 00
To cash paid R. C. Ward for medical attendance for town poor, '91 and '92,	33 25
To cash paid N. P. Wood for medical attendance for town poor,	14 00
To aid furnished Lester Hemenway, sickness and burial,	15 75
To cash paid John R. Casey for care of tramps, '91, '92, '93,	42 25

OZRO H. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Mrs. Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, '93,	117 00
“ “ Miss Lucretia Sawyer,	58 50
Burial expenses of “ “	22 70
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	81 20
Board of Jerusha Doolittle,	18 00
Burial expenses of Jerusha Doolittle,	23 35
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	41 35

FRANK V. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Charles Lord, '91 and '92,	104 62
L. T. & C. H. Webster, goods,	3 75
H. C. Parsons & Co., “	6 00
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	114 37

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Mary Pierson to Oct. 1, '92,	\$107 71
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NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman C. Smith,	169 92	
“ “ Miss Mary A. Coughlin,	20 43	
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MRS. CHANCEY KIMPLIN.

House rent, F. V. Doolittle,	25 00	
H. C. Parsons & Co., goods,	14 89	
Thos. Quinlan, wood,	4 50	
Town Athol, aid 1890,	5 00	
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		\$1440 53

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By Town Sunderland, Lester Hemenway,	\$15 75	
R. K. Caldwell, Guardian of Miss		
Mary Pierson,	83 94	
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Total expenses of Poor,		\$1340 84

GEO. J. BACON,	} Overseers of Poor.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH.	

CONTINGENT.

N. P. Wood, balance for library, 1891,	\$52 25
Chas. Pomeroy, ag't, insurance on library,	36 00
F. E. Stimpson, sundry expenses on account of town,	3 00
Chas. Pomeroy, abatement of tax on Perry farm, 1891,	3 95
Town of Gill, on account of Munn's Ferry. 1891,	37 75
F. J. Stockbridge, registrar of voters, 1891,	10 00
W. D. Crane, " " "	7 50
A. R. Lyman, " " "	10 00
H. E. Wells, fixing water tub,	1 50
F. G. Morgan, mowing cemetery, 1891,	4 00
M. J. Coller, " "	1 50
G. W. Piper, " "	1 50
B. Morrison, " "	2 50
F. G. Morgan, " " 1892,	4 50
C. L. Robbins, services as moderator,	2 50
C. L. Robbins, " selectman, 1891,	83 74
G. J. Bacon, " " "	135 50
O. L. Leach, " " "	56 25
L. R. Smith, " as school committee,	51 73
A. A. Rice, " " "	55 75
W. J. Wright, " " "	70 00
W. J. Wright, " clerk and treasurer,	132 15
W. J. Wright, returns of births,	4 75
W. J. Wright, cash items,	13 85
C. L. Robbins, " "	4 39
O. L. Leach, " "	4 14
G. J. Bacon, " "	26 45
C. T. Bagnall, printing,	33 70
Northfield Aqueduct Co., water rent, 1890, and 1891,	20 00
H. W. Webster, water rent,	5 00
Geo. Hilliard, " "	5 00
S. A. Field Estate, " "	5 00
C. J. Lecomte, " "	2 00
J. A. Ross, " " '91, '92,	6 00
C. J. Lecomte, toll at ferry,	1 35
S. E. Ripley & Co., lumber for Munn's ferry,	3 93
A. D. Stearns, " and labor, "	32 79

C. C. Duncan for library,	\$110 01
W. L. Davis, repairs on road scraper,	75
Geo. Tyler & Co., " "	16 00
D. M. Stacy " "	4 80
F. A. Thomas, " "	6 00
Decoration Day, (G. A. R. Post.)	50 00
H. H. Mason, driving hearse,	28 50
Parsons & Co., paint for cemetery fence at Farms,	4 50
Thos. Quinlan, balance due for building new road,	97 50
Mary Quinlan, error in assessment of Tax of 1891,	6 25
Cyrus Holton, error in assessment of tax,	2 06
M. C. Weeks, " " " " "	1 56
Greenfield Savings Bank, interest,	218 50
S. L. Gates, building cemetery fence,	43 20
C. T. Bagnall, printing Tax Bills,	4 90
Berlin Bridge Co., guide boards,	2 50
Roswell Stratton, " "	4 50
D. Johnson, Abatement of tax on Perry farm,	3 95
Thos. Quinlan, wood for town hall,	7 50
R. C. Ward, inspecting cattle,	20 00
H. Hale, error in assessment of tax,	2 50
W. H. Ward, officers' fees,	5 49
C. Bryant, " "	5 74
J. R. Casey, " "	9 50
C. H. Webster, goods for town hall,	12 77
H. H. Mason, cash paid for hearse hire,	28 75
Town of Montague, $\frac{1}{4}$ expense painting Millers River bridge,	4 19
H. J. Russell & Co., repairs on hearse,	257 00
C. Vt. R. R. Co., freight on cement,	72
C. Thompson & Co., cement,	5 40
A. Holton, labor on Preston road,	3 00
W. J. Leonard, " "	6 00
John Callaghan, " "	6 00
John Dalton, " "	15 50
John Dale, " "	6 90
M. H. Alkins, tile, " "	80 10
Daniel O'Keefe, labor, " "	2 44
W. Flint, surveying, " "	2 48
M. T. Moore, Collector, discount on taxes,	346 12

E. S. Bardwell, coal for town hall,	\$14 00
H. H. Mason, sundry small jobs for town,	2 00
R. K. Caldwell, Collector, abatement tax,	
1891,	56 81
A. J. Arling, services as fire ward, '91,	2 00
E. Gaines, painting cemetery fence at Farms,	5 98
County tax,	1333 68
Chas. Pomeroy, school census,	15 00
H. J. Arling, cutting tree, Main street,	\$1 75
G. P. Hatch, weights and measures,	75
H. H. Mason, return of deaths,	7 75
“ cutting wood for library,	4 00
“ care of town clock,	15 00
“ care of town hall,	35 00
J. R. Casey, election officer, 1892,	4 00
C. A. Ware, “ “ “	4 00
“ teller at town meeting,	2 00
G. J. Bacon, as superintendent of streets,	55 12
M. T. Moore, as collector and constable,	87 85
H. B. Parker, water rent,	3 00
F. E. Stimpson, refreshments for election officers, Nov. 8, 1892,	2 00
Chas. X. Janes, military aid,	72 00
Mrs. Emmeline Mattoon, state aid,	48 00
Wm. Strange, state aid,	18 00
D. W. Burnham, state aid,	8 00
	<hr/> \$4167 27

Paid Greenfield Savings Bank on town
debt,

500 00

\$4667 27

HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

S. E. Ripley, timber and plank,	\$99 51
F. V. Doolittle, plank and labor,	19 87
Ralph Simonds, “	36 68
John Casey, “	11 25
Charles Briggs, “	4 50
Geo. A. Stearns and others, “	61 68
Hollis Simonds, “	17 15
Frank Whithead, “	9 23
R. H. Winchester, “	60
Amos. Bigelow, “	47 05
W. B. Tuffts, “	26 10
C. P. Thompson & Co., cement,	6 75
Ansel Collier and others, labor,	96 89
G. W. Field, “	18 00
Wright Arling, “	21 75
Northfield Seminary, '91 and '92, labor,	235 80
Frank W. Piper, '91 and '92 labor,	28 85
Wm. Bain, “ “ “	3 82
S. L. Gates and others, “	84 56
Frank Perould, “	2 10
Chas. P. Britton, plank,	59 82
Thos. Quinlan, “	212 10
F. V. Woods and others, “	153 39
M. C. Weeks, “	4 00
S. S. Fisher, “	15 45
B. W. Gillett, “	14 34
John Dalton, “	36 09
N. C. Wiley, “	3 00
Edward C. Nash, labor,	17 40
L. O. Miller, “	12 00
Horace Holton, “	2 25
C. I. Holton, “	35 59
H. W. Webster, “	124 00
O. L. Leach, plank and timber,	21 90
O. S. Davis, labor,	3 50
F. B. Holton, “	6 23

Chas. Keet,	Labor,	4 05
M. Stiles,	"	1 92
J. H. Robbins,	"	40
John Dale,	"	17 50
Alexander Holton,	"	2 21
Spencer Bros.	"	13 50
John D. Casey,	"	8 25
P. H. O'Brian,	"	2 85
Gardner Coller,	"	6 00
H. A. Prime,	"	29 00
H. W. Montague,	"	5 55
Hart Doolittle,	"	2 00
Rufus Philips,	"	50
W. D'Y. Field, '91,	"	4 34
Oscar Slate,	"	5 00
John Crehan,	"	4 00
Cyril Lacomte,	"	3 00
Wm. Ross,	"	1 00
M. H. Day,	"	58 65
Harry Wentworth,	"	3 52
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		\$1726 39

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

To orders on Town Treasurer since Feb. 10, '92, \$11,784 66

By paid for highways,	\$1726 39
“ support of poor,	1440 53
“ schools,	3950 47
“ contingent,	4167 27
“ on town debt,	500 00
	————— \$11,784 66

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH

W. J. WRIGHT, TREAS.

	DR.	CR.
By balance from previous year's account,		\$2166 80
By cash from school committee, sale of books,		1 53
“ “ account Mary Pierson,		85 75
“ “ State Treasurer, account corporation tax,		22 69
“ “ W. Stratton, error in settlement,		6 00
“ “ Franklin County National Bank notes,		2964 86
“ “ R. K. Caldwell, account Mary Pierson,		83 94
paid selectmen's orders,	\$11,624 06	
cash from Chas. Pomeroy, trial justice,		6 00
“ O. L. Leach, note,		300 00
“ H. W. Montague, rent of hall at Farms,		2 00
“ State Treasurer, corporation tax,		1225 92
“ State Treasurer, National Bank tax,		263 94
“ State Treasurer, military aid,		35 00
“ State Treasurer, state aid,		102 00

To paid Franklin County National Bank notes, of temporary loan,	\$3000 00	
By cash from R. K. Caldwell, collector, account 1891 tax,		1481 21
“ “ E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer, account dog fund,		92 86
“ “ Dana Malone, trial justice,		10 00
“ “ State Treasurer, account Mass. school fund,		334 64
“ “ M. T. Moore, collector, account 1892 tax,		9750 00
To paid O. L. Leach, note and interest,	302 50	
By cash from W. M. Aldrich, auctioneer's license,		2 00
“ “ O. L. Leach, rent of hall at Farms,		2 00
To paid state tax,	682 50	
By cash from H. H. Mason, rent of Town hall,		62 00
“ “ Geo. J. Bacon, account town of Sunderland,		15 75
Balance,	3407 83	
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	\$19,016 89	\$19,016 89

Northfield, Feb. 10, 1893.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
FEB. 10, 1893.**

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$4100 00	
Geo. J. Bacon, Selectman,	140 00	
Chas. L. Robbins, “	100 64	
O. L. Leach, “	68 75	
W. J. Wright, School Committee,	53 25	
L. R. Smith, “ “	40 25	
A. A. Rice, “ “	50 25	
Outstanding orders,	219 33	
For schools,	987 60	
To balance due Library Committee,	64 99	
Elijah M. Dickinson, Land damages,	50 00	
Central Vermont Rail Road Co., toll,	5 20	
	<hr/>	\$5880 26

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	3407 83	
Due from collector '92 tax,	1599 46	
	<hr/>	\$4907 29
Balance against town		\$972 97

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	
O. L. LEACH,	

REPORT OF ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in Bank, Jan. 1, 1893,		\$1077 90
Drawn and paid as follows :		
Widow Wm. Stevens,	\$10 00	
“ Chas. Morgan,	5 00	
“ Elijah Field,	5 00	
Miss Mary Field,	5 00	
“ Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00
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		\$1047 90
Cash in Overseers of Poor's hands,		10 00
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		\$1057 90

GEO. J. BACON,	} Overseers of Poor.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee in preparing the report of schools for the year just closing, are pleased that they are able to report a satisfactory year in most respects.

The deportment on the part of scholars has been courteous and their whole conduct seems to indicate an interest in the work assigned them. This has been particularly noticeable in the older pupils.

The course of study and the method of instruction has been so arranged as to aim in their education for a spirit of independent thought and responsible action on the part of the scholar.

One of the most serious problems that continues to confront us is the habit of scholars absenting themselves from school; in too many cases we feel it is the fault of parents in not fully realizing the importance of having their children attend every session of school if they expect to obtain the best results.

It is pleasant to speak of the condition of our school houses, this year, as your appropriation of last year for the house in Dis. No. 5, enabled us to put in good condition the last school house that needed extensive repairs. Judging by the care and pride teachers and scholars seem to have of their school rooms after they have been made neat and comfortable, we feel that the money spent for this improvement has not been a mistake.

No. 1 school-house has had a coat of paint; No. 2 has been sheathed and papered, and the ceiling in No. 4 has been repaired. Last year the town voted a special appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars to be used in repairs on the school-house in Dis. No. 5. Your committee have attended to their duties in this district and the house is now in very good condition. Houses in

Dis. No. 6 and 7 are new buildings and will need only incidental repairs for some time. The house in No. 9 Dis. is in very comfortable condition.

We have been obliged to make a change of Teachers in some of the schools; in others the school has been under the care of the same teacher throughout the year. In those schools where it has been necessary to make a change we have been quite fortunate in our selections, and the disadvantage to the schools has not been as great as is sometimes the case where we are obliged to make a change of teachers.

There is no part of the duties assigned to your committee that needs more careful attention than the selecting of teachers. There is a growing demand for better teachers and our schools require teachers of more ability, larger experience and better training in all the lines of education than in former years.

At the close of the present term the centre school will have had thirty-three weeks of school, all the others thirty-two except District No. 5, which has had twenty-eight and No. 6 twenty-nine.

The schools not having closed we cannot give the statistics of membership and average attendance as we should like.

The amount of money expended for supplies has been about three hundred dollars, which is about one and a fifth dollars per capita for the year, which does not seem an extravagant sum when we take into consideration that books, paper, pens, pencils, ink and crayon are all furnished from this fund. We have made no change in text books the past year; we have in contemplation a change in Grammar and Arithmetic in the High school. You will bear with us if we again call your attention to the importance of a general interest and especially of parents having children in school, of a hearty co-operation with teachers and committee if we expect to make the most of our school opportunities.

With our present school advantages, free text books and supplies, what excuse have we if we send our children into the world not as well equipped to meet the fierce competition in all pursuits of life as a good education can make them.

In conclusion we would recommend that there be appropriated the coming year: For schools, \$2800; for repairs on school buildings, \$300; for books and supplies, \$300; for conveyance of scholars, \$100.

A. A. RICE,	}	School
L. R. SMITH,		
W. J. WRIGHT,		Comm ittee

FUEL.

Geo. B. Kenney, wood,	\$13 00	
Thomas Quinlan, “	25 30	
E. S. Bardwell, coal,	32 05	
Chas. H. Green, “	45 00	
C. I. Holton, wood,	14 00	
H. C. Lyman, “	19 50	
W. W. Merriman, wood,	4 50	
John H. Dalton, labor,	5 25	
L. R. Smith, kindling wood,	1 20	
L. H. Reed, cutting wood,	3 50	
T. J. Cosgrove, “	1 00	
F. W. Piper, wood and labor,	9 50	
Geo. A. Stearns, wood and labor,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$179 30

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

F. E. Aldrich, Nos. 2, 4 and 5,	157 00	
James T. Cummings, No. 2,	8 60	
W. M. Moore, Nos. 2 and 5,	36 43	
F. W. Piper, Nos. 2 and 1,	120 35	
M. H. Alkins, material No. 7,	75	
Fred G. Stearns, Nos. 4 and 5,	10 72	
W. D. Morgan, No. 1,	1 00	
C. H. Stratton, No. 5,	6 00	
H. R. Crowell, material No. 2,	5 74	
U. S. Furniture Co., desks No. 5,	58 00	
H. W. Montague, No. 4,	90	
Boston S. S. Co., slating,	5 00	
W. M. Moore & Co., No. 3,	8 59	
M. A. Moody, No. 2,	1 25	
M. T. Moore, Nos. 5, 6 and 9,	13 00	
	<hr/>	\$433 33

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Thomas Quinlan, wood,	\$11 00
H. R. Crowell, material, No. 2,	98
Mabel G. Field, teaching, " 5,	59 05
Mary E. Pratt, " " 1,	144 00
Mrs. Rufus Phillips,	5 00
Martin E. Vorce, care, " 6,	2 70
Lizzie A. Kelley, teaching, " 3,	90 00
Lizzie M. Cousins, " " 1,	110 00
Jennie S. Pierce, " " 1,	96 00
Effie L. Bowker, " " 4,	96 50
Carrie L. Greenleaf, " " 9,	90 00
Julia A. Webster, " " 7,	90 00
Lucy V. Alexander, " " 2,	96 00
Henry W. Russell, care, " 9,	3 60
H. H. Nash, conveyance,	24 00
William H. Browning, conveyance,	24 00
Henry H. Mason, services,	27 95
Benj. R. Morrison, labor,	4 00
Herbert Reed, care No. 7,	4 80
James Cosgrove, " " 3,	3 60
H. M. Stacey, repairs furnace grate,	1 35
Willie Smith, care No. 2,	4 20
James P. Aldrich, repairs, No. 7,	1 50

 \$990 23

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

M. T. Moore, cleaning No. 9,	\$2 50	
" " " " " 3,	3 50	
" " " " " 1,	6 00	
" " " " " 2,	4 00	
" " " " " 2,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$18 50

Mrs. J. P. Aldrich, cleaning No. 7, twice, at \$3 00	6 00
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C. Ina Merriman, care No. 5	3 00	
two terms,	2 40	
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H. H. Mason, services as janitor, No. 1,	15 00	
	25 50	
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Effie L. Bowker, care No. 4	3 50	
two terms,	4 75	
	<hr/>	8 25

Carrie L. Greenleaf, care No. 9	3 00	
two terms,	3 80	
	<hr/>	6 80

Walter Doolittle, care No. 7	4 00	
two terms,	4 75	
	<hr/>	8 75

Elizabeth Clark, cleaning No. 4, twice, at \$4 00,	8 00
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Lizzie A. Kelley, care No. 3, two terms at \$3 00,	6 00
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Lillian Alexander, care No. 2,	3 50	
two terms,	4 55	
	<hr/>	8 05
Martha S. Cutting, care No. 5,		
\$3 00,		3 00
Jennie S. Pierce, care No. 6, \$3 00,		3 00
Jennie M. Mann, care No. 6, \$3 00,	3 00	
	<hr/>	125 25

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co.,	106 64	
American Book Co.,	49 96	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	30 80	
G. & C. Merriam Co.,	18 70	
H. C. Parsons & Co.,	7 71	
Central Vermont Railroad Co.,	4 40	
E. L. Hildreth,	1 50	
S. E. Bridgman & Co.,	11 40	
William Ware & Co.,	56 70	
N. S. Wakefield & Co.,	7 00	
J. H. Dixon,	30	
Lee & Shepard,	75	
L. T. & C. H. Webster,	17 30	
	<hr/>	\$313 16

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and Receipts,	\$4137 50	
Old bills paid,		990 23
Paid teachers, two terms,		1899 70
Fuel,		179 30
Repairs on buildings,		433 33
Care of “		125 25
Text books and supplies,		313 16
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Total expenditures,		\$3940 97
Expenses previous year's account,		990 23
“ current “ “		2950 74
Due “ “ “ “	(about)	987 60
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		\$3938 34

A. A. RICE,
 L. R. SMITH,
 W. J. WRIGHT, } Committee.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Feb. 16, 1893.

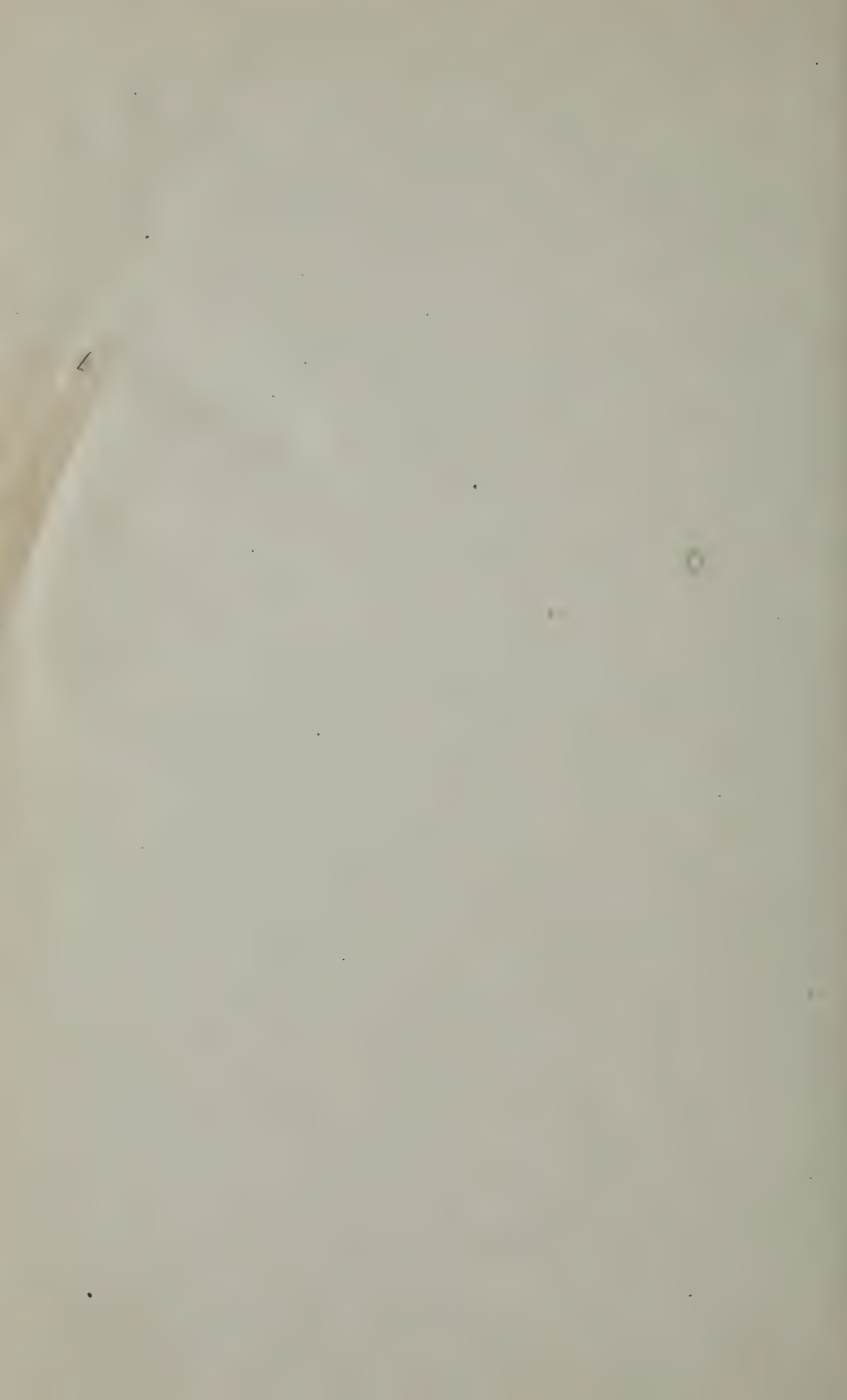
Number volumes in library, last report,	3481
“ “ purchased last year,	92
“ “ presented last year,	23
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“ “ now in library,	3596
Number of families, patrons of library,	165
“ “ visitors, “ “ “	18
“ “ volumes taken by visitors,	60
“ “ “ “ “ patrons,	4073
Amount of fines from patrons,	\$10 63
“ “ fees from visitors,	3 00
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	\$13 63
Amount paid by librarian for incidentals,	\$3 58
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	\$10 05
Uncollected fines,	\$0.29

Library Committee in Account with the Town of Northfield.

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To cash on hand, last report,	\$7 44
Appropriation for librarian and incidentals,	75 00
Appropriation for new books,	100 00
Cash from fines and fees,	10 05
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	\$192 49

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By Parsons & Stearns, new books,	\$3 00
S. E. Bridgeman & Co., new books,	95 86
Expressages on " "	1 15
Clapp & Jones, cover paper,	1 16
Express on same,	25
L. W. Rice, rebinding,	9 20
Express on same,	50
E. A. Hall, catalogues,	4 60
Leslie Wells, printing,	1 60
C. C. Duncan, new book,	1 50
C. C. Duncan, new book,	2 90
C. C. Duncan, incidentals,	25
Mrs. F. J. Stockbridge, librarian,	60 00
Balance with library committee,	10 52
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	\$192 49

C. C. DUNCAN,	} Library
R. C. WARD,	
N. P. WOOD,	
	} Committee.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor

AND

ASSESSORS

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

LIBRARY COMMITTEE AND TOWN TREASURER,

For the Year Ending February 10, 1894.



TURNERS FALLS, MASS.:

PRINTED BY CECIL T. BAGNALL, PROPRIETOR OF REPORTER.
1894.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTFIELD.

As another year has closed, we again as Selectmen of Northfield submit our Annual Report for your consideration.

We have to report the past year for highways and bridges quite an excess of former years, owing to the condition of the Culverts in the Spring being all frozen and filled up, and which was the cause of a large share of the wash of the highways. We have had to put in new ones at quite a heavy expense, both in labor and material. We have had to pay quite a large bill for breaking out of roads last Spring as well as the present winter. We think the town would have better roads for the money raised if they owned their teams and hired its help to work them. As Overseers of Poor we have to report an increase in our Poor account as there were some old bills unsettled last year.

We have at Mr. O. H. Doolittle's, Charles Stratton, and Amy Marsh. We have as you will see quite a number that have to be aided outside. As the contract of Mr. Doolittle with the town expires April 4, next, some action will have to be taken at your annual meeting. We have reported in our Financial condition of the town a balance against the town of \$1,198.07, owing in part to highway damages.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year: Highways \$1,600, contingent and support of Poor \$3,000, town debt \$500.

TOWN WARRANT.

March 5, 1894, 9 a. m.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the various town officers and committees and act thereon.

Art. 4. To vote by separate ballot "yes" or "no" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 5. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

Art. 6. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the revision of the jury list, and act thereon.

Art. 7. To see if the town will fix a date after which unpaid taxes shall bear interest, determine the rate of said interest, or act anything thereon.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 9. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid in full on or before a certain date, fix the date and determine the rate of discount, or act anything thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied on the town debt.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of the cemeteries in the town, or act anything thereon.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to build a macadamized, gravelled sidewalk on Parker street from Main street to the Railroad grounds, said walk to be made at a suitable grade, elevation and width, not to interfere with the shade trees thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will replace the wooden bridge on Main street across Mill brook, so called, with an iron one, raise and appropriate any money for that purpose, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the support of its poor.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to pay O. H. Doolittle an additional sum above the price named in his contract for the support of the poor, for the board and care of Charles Stratton, or act anything thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the G. A. R. Post in the observance of Decoration Day.

GEO. J. BACON,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	
HENRY C. HOLTON,	

JURY LIST 1894.

Nelson G. Hilliard,
Clifford I. Holton,
Clarence A. Randall,
Roswell E. Dickinson,
Melvin J. Collier,
Samuel C. Holton,
Jairus L. Hammond,
Albert Whitaker,
Edward B. Murdock,
Charles A. Moulton,
Charles H. Green,
Thomas R. Callender,
Charles C. Stearns,

Rufus Phillips,
Warren S. Osgood,
Osgood L. Leach,
Hiland R. Crowell,
Amber G. Moody,
William D. Morgan,
James T. Cummings,
William H. Caldwell,
John H. Bolton,
William M. Moore,
Joseph R. Colton,
Charles P. Britton,
Sumner L. Gates.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

Valuation of real estate,	\$739,939 00	
“ “ personal estate,	119,342 00	
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Total valuation May 1, 1893,		\$859,281 00
No. of polls,		461
“ “ persons assessed,		690
“ “ persons assessed on property,		575
“ “ persons assessed for poll tax only,		115
“ “ resident tax payers,		558
“ “ non-resident tax payers,		132
“ “ horses assessed,		495
“ “ cows,		759
“ “ sheep,		229
“ “ neat cattle,		274
“ “ swine,		174
“ “ dwelling houses,		381
“ “ acres of land,		19,051

ASSESSMENT FOR 1893.

State tax,	\$975 00	
County tax,	1333 68	
	<hr/>	\$2308 68

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH 6, 1893.

Schools in general,	\$2800 00	
repairs,	300 00	
text books and supplies,	300 00	
conveyance,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$3500 00
Contingent and support of poor,		3000 00
Library,		175 00
Decoration Day,		50 00

Highways, general repairs,	\$1600 00	
special for clay in Dist. No. 3,	400 00	
gravel, Highland ave.,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$2100 00

Improvements in cemeteries,	265 00	
Hearse house,	150 00	
Payment on town debt,	500 00	
Overlay,	45 25	
	<hr/>	\$12,093 93

Raised on polls,	\$922 00	
Raised on personal estate,	1551 94	
Raised on real “	9619 99	
	<hr/>	\$12,093 93

Taxes on each poll,	\$2 00
Rate on \$1000,	13 00

GEO. J. BACON,	}	Assessors of Northfield.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,		
H. C. HOLTON,		

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR
For 1893-94.

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman C. Smith to Jan. 1, '94,	\$169 46
“ Miss Mary Coughlin to June 1, '94,	70 11

WORCESTER HOSPITAL.

Board of Miss Mary Pierson to Jan. 1, '94,	231 67
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MASS. STATE FARM, BRIDGEWATER.

Board of Charles Parker,	146 40
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O. H. DOOLITTLE.

Board of Mrs. Amy Marsh to Jan. 1, '94,	117 00
“ “ Nellie Stanford to Feb. 1, '94,	122 50

TOWN OF MONTAGUE.

To aid Mrs. Geo. Doolittle and children, '91, '92, '93,	286 63
“ board H. D. Thayer of same children,	38 00
“ “ Annie Mason “ “	38 00

MRS. MICHAEL MALLEY.

Board and care of Cornelius McDavitt,	50 00
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	14 75

CITY OF LOWELL.

To aid Fred Whitney and family,	3 50
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TOWN OF WATERTOWN.

To aid A. Watson's children,	18 10
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TOWN OF BELMONT.

To aid A. Watson's children,	39 33
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TOWN OF BERNARDSTON.

To aid Mrs. Alva Kimplin,	32 00
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TOWN OF WINCHENDON.

Aid A. Richards and wife,	16 25
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J. Q. A. BRYANT.

To goods furnished A. Richards and wife,	88 00
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TOWN OF WARWICK.

To aid to Harrison Allen's family,	36 25
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MISS JENNIE SYKES, WESTBORO.

To board of Mrs. Electia Stratton,	71 00
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AID TO MRS. CHANCEY KIMPLIN.

F. V. Doolittle, house rent,	37 50	
H. C. Parsons & Co., goods, '92, '93,	99 56	
J. A. Williams, wood,	17 50	
Henry Doolittle, " "	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$157 56

TOWN OF MONTAGUE.

To aid furnished Dwight Cook,	31 02	
“ “ Cook, by Thos. Stratton,	51 50	
	<hr/>	\$82 52

AID TO CHARLES LORD.

For board F. V. Doolittle to Feb. 1st, '94,	71 91
H. C. Parsons & Co., goods,	10 55

AID TO GAD. LYMAN.

By H. C. Parsons & Co., goods,	5 00
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AID TO JONATHAN LYMAN.

By C. H. Webster, goods,	5 00
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AID TO CHARLES BRIGGS.

By Frank Webster,	11 89
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AID TO CHARLES STRATTON.

By Russell Bixby,	5 75
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AID TO EMERY WHITE, (Settlement,) NEW SALEM.

Charles Lyman, goods,	10 00
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AID TO ASA KENISTON, (Settlement,) ASHBY.

Charles Lyman, goods,	7 43
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Aid to Mrs. Ellen O'Keefe,	58 00
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Aid to Mrs. Jonna Driscoll,	58 00
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R. C. Ward, medical attendance, town poor,	6 25
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CONTINGENT.

Central Vt. R. R. Co., toll, 1892,	\$5 12
“ “ “ 1893,	12 16
H. C. Holton, services as election officer, Nov., 1892,	4 00
“ mowing cemetery, 1892,	2 00
“ services as auditor, 1891 and '92,	5 00
Chas. Pomeroy, teller at annual meeting, 1892,	2 00
“ election officer, Nov., 1892,	4 00
“ services as Justice of Peace,	11 50
“ abatement of tax on Perry farm, 1892,	3 95
“ “ “ “ 1893,	3 95
Dudley Johnson, “ “ “	3 95
C. L. Robbins, moderator at annual meeting,	2 50
“ services as selectman, 1892,	100 64
Geo. J. Bacon, “ “ “	140 50
E. S. Bardwell, coal for town hall,	11 90
Wm. F. Flint, surveying for highways,	8 00
C. T. Bagnall, printing town reports,	30 00
Geo. J. Bacon, sundry cash items,	25 30
E. A. Hall & Co., assessors' books,	1 20
Mrs. Margaret Ross, damages for injuries received because of an alleged defect in highway,	275 00
G. A. R. Post, for observance of Decoration Day,	50 00
Chas. Pomeroy, insurance on libraries,	75 00
Washburn & Heywood Chair Co., chairs for town hall,	8 00
American Ex. Co., charges on package,	50
M. T. Moore, posting warrants,	5 40
H. H. Mason, driving hearse,	16 50
“ services as police officer,	5 00
“ care of town clock,	15 00
“ “ library	4 00
“ “ town hall,	43 50
“ return of deaths,	5 00
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs on road scraper,	8 60
R. C. Ward, chairman of library committee, library appropriation,	175 00

Chas. Pomeroy, insurance on town hall,	102 00
E. A. Hall & Co., collector's book,	1 53
Orange Journal, printing list of poll-tax payers,	5 00
Frank Harness, mowing cemetery,	1 50
D. W. Burnham, " " "	1 50
H. C. Holton, " 1893,	2 00
F. G. Morgan, " "	4 25
B. Morrison, " "	2 25
W. F. Piper, labor and material in cemeteries on mountain,	41 12
B. Morrison, labor and material in cemetery, W. Northfield,	28 30
H. H. Mason, labor and material in cemetery, Center,	43 90
Amos Bigelow, labor in cemetery, Center,	28 28
Albert Clark, " " "	27 83
F. A. Hilliard, labor and material in cemetery at Farms,	22 61
George H. Hilliard, water rent,	5 00
H. B. Parker, " "	3 00
S. A. Field estate, " "	5 00
Mrs. H. W. Webster, " "	5 00
Northfield Aqueduct Co., " "	10 00
Geo. Stedman, error in assessment of tax,	2 60
A. L. Pickett, derrick,	50 00
T. Quinlan, wood for town hall,	7 50
Chas. Pomeroy, teller at annual meeting, 1893,	2 00
Michael Cosgrove, error in assessment,	1 13
Warren S. Osgood, " " "	39
Warren M. Hale, " " "	1 30
Mrs. Phœbe Webb, " " "	3 90
F. W. Doane, coal for town hall,	13 50
D. E. Crandall, printing notices,	3 25
Albert Marsh, error in assessment, 1892,	2 00
R. H. Smith Mfg. Co., wax seal,	1 50
H. H. Mason, building hearse house,	125 00
I. H. Ewers, labor at Munn's ferry,	31 50
G. W. Field, getting out boat at Munn's ferry in Nov. '93,	10 00
C. C. Duncan, balance for library, 1892,	64 99
A. R. Lyman, services as Registrar of Voters, 1892,	10 00
F. J. Stockbridge, " " " "	10 00
W. D. Crane, " " " "	10 00

O. L. Leach, services as selectman, 1892,	68 75
L. R. Smith, " school committee, 1892,	40 25
W. J. Wright, " " " "	53 25
A. A. Rice, " " " "	50 25
" " " " 1893,	11 10
R. C. Ward, " inspector of cattle,	6 25
Chauncy Bryant, officers' fees,	11 73
C. H. Webster, insurance on school house, dist. No. 2,	7 00
Greenfield Savings Bank, interest on loan,	180 00
A. D. Stearns, repairs on road scraper,	5 50
Chas. E. Pierce, dog license blanks,	2 37
Gazette & Courier, advertising,	60
C. H. Webster, goods for town hall,	16 35
Jas. Barry, labor at town hall,	52
E. A. Hall & Co., blank town warrants,	49
O. L. Leach, sundry cash items,	4 54
C. T. Bagnall, printing,	1 25
C. A. Davis, officers' fees,	8 54
F. A. Thomas, repairs on road scraper,	3 25
H. W. Montague, services as election officer, Nov. '93,	2 50
C. A. Ware, " " "	2 50
T. R. Callender, " " "	2 50
N. D. Alexander, " " "	2 50
C. A. Ware, " teller at annual meeting,	1 50
Chas. Pomeroy, insurance on school house No. 9,	17 87
State tax,	975 00
C. T. Bagnall, printing voting list,	4 50
" " stationery and printing,	6 15
C. X. Janes, splicing rope for derrick,	75
J. R. Casey, services as constable,	11 50
E. M. Dickinson, land damages,	100 00
M. H. Alkins, goods for town,	3 01
R. K. Caldwell, Collector, discount on taxes,	342 94
" " services as collector and constable, 1893,	122 00
L. T. Webster, services as auditor, 1891, 1892,	5 00
C. L. Robbins, sundry cash items,	7 00
H. C. Holton, sundry cash items,	3 30
M. T. Moore, collector, abatement sundry poor men's and absentees' taxes, 1892,	68 67
Clark Stebbins, error in assessment of tax, 1892,	1 25

Chas. X. Janes, military aid,	72	00
Emeline Mattoon, State aid,	48	00
Wm. Strange, “	6	00
Thos. Hart, “	40	00
D. W. Burnham, “	24	00
W. J. Wright, return of births,	5	50
“ services as clerk and treasurer,	130	80
“ sundry cash items,	14	34
M. Malley, error in assessment of tax, 1893,		32
County tax,	1333	68
	\$5616	91

Payment on town debt,	\$500 00
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HIGHWAY REPORT.

OLD BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

Charles Pomeroy, 1891,	7	50
“ “ 1892,	7	50
D. L. Preston, “	12	36
Northfield Seminary “	82	75

SNOW BILLS OF 1892-93.

Elliot I. Lyman,	1	35
D. McD. Ross,	1	40
J. E. Ross,		53
M. J. Coller and others,	8	02
S. S. Fisher,	16	35
Geo. E. Murdock,	1	67
James Barry,	1	80

C. M. Baldwin,	3 25
R. K. Caldwell,	11 38
O. E. Slate,	1 50
F. V. Wood, and others,	7 88
M. C. Miller,	2 25
L. C. Miller,	30
O. Wood,	45
E. C. Nash,	50
E. Gaines,	2 40
A. Coller, and others,	20 25
Timothy Crelan,	1 50
Byron Gillett,	1 50
M. G. Coller,	11 45
Ed. O'Keefe,	1 50
Fred J. Aldrich,	2 10
James Wall,	7 50
John Callaghan,	1 95
R. A. Simonds,	10 20
Fred H. Simonds,	4 95
Burton Ware,	1 80
James Cosgrove,	2 10
Geo. P. Wentworth,	45
H. C. Wentworth,	38
Wm. Wheelock,	2 55
Frank Harness,	1 47
Frank Whithead,	4 20
R. H. Winchester,	2 40
Thos. Quinlan,	4 30
John Crelan,	2 00
S. L. Gates,	1 00
H. O. Doolittle,	35
E. Holton,	65
John Grace,	75
F. A. Bigelow,	3 00
H. C. Holton,	7 00
Northfield seminary,	20 80
Jackson Arling,	5 40
Nelson Hilliard,	3 25
Walter Mack,	1 50
Frank Perold,	1 20
O. S. Davis,	4 00

P. W. Preston and others,	24 03	
F. B. Streeter,	3 60	
H. A. Stimpson,	1 20	
D. L. Preston and others,	19 85	
	<hr/>	\$243 16

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Geo. Harrison,	labor,	16 05
Michael Cosgrove,	"	4 75
John Grace,	"	142 81
Ansel Collier and others,	"	122 11
Gec. B. Kenny,	"	111 28
Walter Mack,	"	12 77
John Smith,	"	31 58
Thos. Quinlan,	"	82 60
Thos. Clough,	new road, "	39 00
Byron Gillett,	"	32 10
B. Morrison,	"	3 00
J. H. Robbins,	"	19 12
Frank Harness,	"	4 50
E. Bixby,	"	7 78
James Campbell,	"	54 65
Thos. Campbell,	"	36 00
Clark Stebbins,	"	75
John Stebbins,	"	75
Russell Bixby,	"	12 62
S. L. Gates,	"	42 00
Jas. Barry,	"	21 33
John Cassy,	"	34 04
John D. Cassy,	"	25 95
S. A. Fisher,	"	18 15
H. V. Prime,	"	51 25
E. Gaines,	"	10 50
H. W. Montague,	"	17 35
W. Morgan,	"	3 00
L. C. Miller,	"	68
E. C. Nash,	"	18 30
Patrick Pigot,	"	9 62

Fred Ruggles,	Labor,	75 95
S. Stickney,	"	1 05
E. Thornton,	"	3 40
Geo. Webster,	"	48 78
Albert Whitaker,	"	22 73
S. G. Titus,	"	121 35
Geo. A. Stearns, services as		
Supt. of highways, man and team,		673 98
A. H. Holton,		58 08
Charles Keett,		5 25
J. W. Leonard,		5 40
P. W. Preston and others,		62 88
Chas. O'Keefe,		2 40
K. H. Winchester,		3 89
A. D. Stearns,		7 00
J. Bump,	"	24 00
Jas. Newton,		21 00
G. M. Field,		124 45
F. G. Morgan,		75
Thos. Metcalf,		10 00
W. N. Osgood,		5 00
Horace Holton,		1 35
L. H. Clay,		90
Jerry Campbell,		7 50
F. B. Streeter,		2 55
Wm. Browning,		6 00
John Callaghan,		5 00
Wm. B. Pratt,		6 65
Cyril Lacompte,		4 21
Wm. Bain and others,		60 30
Chas. Stratton, '91,		2 00
John Coughlin,		2 40
Wright Arling,		2 50
John Crelan,		190 55
D. W. Burnham,		6 75
D. L. Preston,		24 61
Chas. Coller,		2 00
Joseph Clark,		1 00
Isaac Murdock,		8 10
John Dalton,		14 65

David Dale,	6 60
Morris Joyce,	1 00
R. K. Caldwell,	3 10
A. J. Arling,	6 00
Geo. Fuller,	24 00
John Dale,	1 50
Albert S. Stratton, '92 and '93,	26 00
H. H. Nash,	36 00
Alex. Holton,	1 66
B. A. Spencer,	95 20
C. P. Britton,	25 65
Hart Doolittle,	1 25
Gardner Coller,	18 00
Fred. G. Stearns,	5 50
N. Jordan,	1 00
A. Kinston,	1 50
W. B. Tuffts,	11 25
Amos Bigelow,	4 50
Oscar E. Holton,	7 65
H. W. Webster,	89 15
F. B. Holton,	59 44
O. C. Davis,	51 70
F. W. Piper,	1 80

MATERIAL FOR HIGHWAYS.

Fnsel Coller, plank,	\$24 00
F. V. Doolittle, plank,	56 36
R. H. Winchester, stone,	5 00
C. A. Moulton, railings and posts,	16 56
Taylor & Stebbins, chains,	1 72
W. N. Potter & Co., cement,	32 50
S. E. Ripley, plank,	22 32
M. H. Alkins, tile,	14 84
A. D. Stearns, lumber,	11 29
C. R. Nelson, lumber,	80 61
C. H. Webster,	5 68
M. T. Moore, stone,	2 00
M. R. Pierce, tile,	25 38
C. H. Green, timber,	41 87

Mrs. Gratia Adams, stone,	5 00
Geo. A. Stearns, plank,	33 20
Thos. Quinlan,	1 60
A. G. Hale, timber,	5 00
S. G. Wildes, bound stones,	1 00
David Clowes,	4 00
Melvin Wiley, sleepers,	3 00
Ct. Vt. R. R. Co., freight,	6 60
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight,	60
H. C. Parsons & Co.,	60
G. W. Field, stone and timber,	41 25
Eliot Lyman,	3 40
Wm. D. Alexander,	30 50
John A. Barritt, plank,	16 50
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	\$472 08

SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

To orders on town treasurer since Feb. 10, '93, \$15,677 29

By paid for poor,	\$2202 18
“ “ schools,	3407 69
“ “ highways,	3950 51
“ “ contingent,	5616 91
By paid on town debt,	500 00
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	\$15,677 29

GEO. J. BACON, } Selectmen
 CHAS. L. ROBBINS, } of
 HENRY C. HOLTON, } Northfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT, TREAS.

	DR.	CR.
By balance previous year's account,		\$3407 83
By cash R. K. Caldwell's auction- eer's license,		2 00
“ Franklin County Nation- al Bank note, tempo- rary loan,		1961 80
“ R. K. Caldwell, account Mary Pierson,		83 94
“ Geo. A. Stearns, account old school-house across the swamp,		8 00
“ H. W. Montague, ac- count rent of hall at Farms,		2 00
“ Corporation tax,		1426 26
“ National Bank tax,		269 15
“ Military aid,		37 00
“ State aid,		68 00
“ State paupers,		64 75
“ Haskell Dodge, account derrick, use of,		18 00
“ John Eames', auctioneer's license,		2 00
To paid Franklin County National Bank note,	\$2000 00	

By cash	Chas. L. Robbins, account		
	Mary Coughlin,		91 46
"	Eugene A. Newcomb,		
	Co. Treas., account		
	dog fund,		75 81
"	State Treasurer, account		
	income Mass. school		
	fund,		333 54
"	Town of Ashby, account		
	A. Kenaston,		7 43
"	H. H. Mason, account		
	rent of town hall,		62 00
"	M. T. Moore, account		
	1892 tax (settled),		1599 46
"	R. K. Caldwell, coll.		
	1893 tax,		10,000 00
To Paid selectmen's orders,	15,581 57		
To balance,	1,938 86		
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	\$19,520 43		\$19,520 43

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 10th, 1894.

REPORT OF ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Jan. 1, 1894,	\$1087 17
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Drawn and paid as follows :

Widow Eliza Coy,	\$5 00
“ Eliza Wright,	5 00
“ Wm. Stevens,	10 00
“ Chas. Morgan,	5 00
Miss Emma Hilliard,	5 00
“ Mary Field,	10 00
“ Fanny Field,	5 00
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	\$45 00

GEO. J. BACON,	} Overseers of Poor of Northfield.
CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	
HENRY C. HOLTON,	

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In reviewing the work of the schools for the year now closing, we have the satisfaction of saying that the general success of the work has been good; but we are obliged to report that disappointment in some cases has met our earnest efforts to maintain uniformly efficient schools.

It has been the custom of your committee, in previous years, to give a general report rather than to speak of the schools separately, and it is in this sense we speak when we say the general success of the school work has been good. It would be a pleasure for your committee to elaborate on the good work and condition of some of our schools, while we are fully aware of the disappointment in others, yet it is hardly to be expected we could be equally successful in every case. No individual can regret this fact more keenly than do your committee.

The attendance has been good, much better than in previous years. Quite a number of scholars have not been absent or tardy through the entire year. In connection with attendance we cannot let pass without notice the fact that in some districts there seems to be a spirit of indifference in this matter. Especially is this noticeable in cases where children have reached the ages of 13 to 15, and when it should be their business to attend school regularly, but too often they are found to be very irregular in their attendance, thereby greatly interfering with the work of the schools, and cultivating habits of carelessness and indifference on the part of the scholar.

Under the present school system, with books and all supplies necessary for school work furnished out of the public funds, it would seem hardly necessary to call the attention of parents to the importance of having these older children in school, neither would it seem possible they could find any excuse for irregular attendance. The law plainly states that every person having children under their control, between the ages of 8 and 14 years, shall annually cause them to attend school 30 weeks, when school is kept that length of time, with an allowance of only two weeks for absences. It seems to be the policy of the commonwealth to offer to every child the advantages of a good education, and by the acts whereby scholars are provided with free text books, the last obstacle has been removed which prevented any from accepting this offer; but if in any case this offer is not accepted, then the school authorities are to take advantage of our compulsory law.

There have been two schools in town the last year, of 32 weeks each, except the South Mountain district, which has had 29. Only slight repairs have been made this year on the school houses. No. 9 has received a coat of paint; No. 4 needs repairing and it is the intention of your committee to give it what repairs is necessary during the spring vacation. The other houses will need only incidental repairs. We consider them in very good condition.

We have made no change in text books the past year. Following is a list of text books used in the High school:

Arithmetic,	{ Bradbury & Eaton's.
	{ Wentworth's Practical High School.

Algebra,	Bradbury & Eaton's.
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Geometry,	Bradbury's Elementary.
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History,	{ Scudder's U. S. Stone's English. Swinton's General.
Civil Government,	Townsend's Shorter Course.
Geography,	Warren's Physical.
Literature,	{ Blaisdell's American and British Authors. Richardson's Primer.
Latin,	{ Harkness' first year in Latin. Harper & Tolman's Cæsar.
Physics,	Steele's Popular.
Rhetoric,	Hart's.
Physiology,	Steele's.

The three centre schools united and gave a public entertainment in the town hall, for the benefit of the schools, the result of which reflects much credit upon the scholars and the teachers having it in charge. We speak of this in our report feeling it bears no small part to the future success of our schools, for leaving out the advantage of the discipline which such an occasion gives those that take part, the disposition of the proceeds from the entertainment has been such as to be of lasting benefit to our schools, namely—the purchasing of books—and we see in it the foundation of a good school library.

In conclusion, we would recommend that there be appropriated the coming year: For schools, \$2800; for repairs on school buildings, \$300; for books and supplies, \$300; for conveyance of scholars, \$100.

W. J. WRIGHT, L. R. SMITH, CHAS. L. ROBBINS,	{ { {	School Committee.
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FINANCIAL SCHOOL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 10, 1894.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2800 00	
Repairs,	300 00	
Text books and supplies,	300 00	
Conveyance,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$3500 00
Massachusetts' School fund,	\$333 54	
Dog fund,	75 81	
Income surplus revenue,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$469 35
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		\$3969 35

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Lizzie M. Cousins, No. 1,	\$240 00	
Susie M. Lindsey, No. 1,	324 00	
Julia A. Webster, No. 1,	192 00	
Lucy V. Alexander, No. 2,	160 00	
Lizzie A. Kelley, No. 3,	80 00	
Mary Loring No. 3,	82 50	
Emily L. Eldridge, No. 4,	75 00	
Nellie R. Rixford, No. 5,	178 50	
Mabel G. Field, No. 6,	126 20	
Jennie B. Calahan, No. 4,	80 00	
John W. Condon, No. 7,	75 00	
R. A. Harris, No. 7,	97 50	
Jennie S. Peirce, No. 9,	160 80	
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FUEL.

J. P. Wentworth, wood and labor, No. 3,	\$18 00
T. Quinlan, " " " 9,	19 12
" " " 1,	11 00
" " " 9,	4 50
" " " 1,	4 69

W. W. Merriman, wood,	No. 5,	10 12
Fred W. Doane, coal,	" 1,	6 50
Ed. S. Bardwell, "	" 1,	6 45
Chas. A. Moulton, wood and labor,	" 4,	20 00
O. L. Leach, " "	" 4,	3 00
E. I. Lyman, "	" 2,	21 38
E. C. Martindale, "	" 7,	2 00
Geo. A. Stearns, "	" 6,	8 00
S. L. Gates, "	" 7,	22 50
Ward Holton, " "	" 3,	1 00
F. W. Doane, coal,	" 1,	25 48

\$183 74

REPAIRS.

F. W. Piper,	No. 6,	\$6 50
James T. Cummings,	" 1,	18 00
Fred H. Turner,	" 9,	35 00
" painting blackboards,		9 45
W. C. Reed,	No. 9,	8 74
Fred G. Stearns,	" 9, 1, 6 and 4,	9 40
L. R. Smith, seats,		3 00
Joseph Colton, No. 1,		1 35
Ward Holton, " 3,		1 00
W. M. Moore, " 1,		1 50

\$93 94

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

H. H. Nash, conveyance,	\$31 00
Fred G. Stearns, repairs No. 9 and No. 5,	6 25
Mabel G. Field, teaching No. 6,	58 50
Thos. Quinlan, wood, No. 1,	9 50
Thos. Quinlan, wood, No. 3,	4 50
Jennie B. Calahan, teaching No. 4,	102 25
Lizzie A. Kelley, teaching No. 3,	93 85
Lizzie M. Cousins, teaching No. 1,	100 00
Jennie S. Pierce, teaching No. 9,	94 80

W. W. Merriman, wood,	2 25	
H. H. Mason, services as Janitor No. 1,	21 00	
Johnson Bros., wood, No. 7,	1 50	
Julia A. Webster, teaching No. 1,	80 00	
Susie M. Lindsey, teaching No. 1,	24 00	
S. L. Gates, wood No. 7,	19 00	
Ed. E. Holton, care No. 7,	5 20	
John W. Condon, teaching No. 7,	60 00	
Lucy V. Alexander, teaching No. 2,	72 00	
Cyril J. Lecompte, ferriages,	7 30	
Burton Collier, care No. 6,	2 70	
E. S. Bardwell, coal, No. 1,	11 90	
Willie J. Alexander, care No. 2,	3 15	
Benj. Morrison, labor, No. 7,	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$811 90

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Lee & Shepard, books,	5 00	
Boston School Supply Co., books,	65 26	
Leach, Shewell and Sanborn, “	7 50	
Ginn & Company, “	7 65	
Silver, Burdett & Co., “	65 40	
G. and C. Merriam Co., “	8 50	
W. F. Sanders, supplies,	3 00	
American Book Co., “	6 92	
L. R. Smith, ac. Am. Ex. Co.,	2 55	
Chas. L. Robbins, supplies,	65	
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CONVEYANCE.

S. L. Piper for carrying scholars across the swamp to schoolhouse, No. 6,	\$57 00
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CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Wm. Dale, services as janitor, No. 1,	\$19 20	
“ “ “	13 00	
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Thos. A. Mason, “ “	7 50	
“ “ “ “	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$16 00

M. T. Moore, cleaning and labor, No. 1,	10 00	
“ “ “ “		
Nos. 9 and 3,	7 00	
M. T. Moore, cleaning and labor, Nos. 1 and 2,	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$24 00
W. J. Alexander, care No. 2,	3 50	
“ “ “	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$8 00
Elizabeth Clark, cleaning No. 4,	4 00	
Jennie B. Calahan, care No. 4,	5 00	
Jennie S. Pierce, care No. 9,	5 00	
Mabel G. Field, care No. 6,	2 50	
A. C. Holton, cleaning and labor, No. 3,	2 50	
“ “ “	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$5 50
Lizzie A. Kelley, care No. 3,	3 00	
C. Ina Merriman, care No. 5,	2 50	
Samuel Smith, care No. 7,	4 00	
Mrs. James Aldrich, cleaning No. 7,	3 00	
Nellie R. Rixford, care No. 5,	3 00	
Mary Loring, care No. 3,	2 75	
Emily L. Eldridge, care No. 4,	4 00	
Walter H. Doolittle, care No. 7,	4 50	
Mrs. C. A. Ross, cleaning No. 6,	2 00	
Mrs. S. L. Gates, cleaning No. 7,	2 00	
Benj. R. Morrison, cleaning No. 7,	3 00	
Jones J. Fisher, care No. 5,	2 70	
	<hr/>	\$138 65

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,	\$3969 35	
Old bills paid,	811 90	
Paid teachers, two terms,	1871 50	
Fuel.	183 74	
Repairs on buildings,	93 94	
Care of buildings,	138 65	
Text books and supplies,	172 43	
Conveyance,	57 00	
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Expended on previous year's account,	\$811 90	811 90
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Expenses current year,		\$2517 26
Due " " (estimated),		1028 00
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		\$3545 26

WARREN J. WRIGHT, }
 LEONARD R. SMITH, } Committee.
 CHAS. L. ROBBINS, }

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT, *Feb. 17, 1894.*

Number of volumes in library, last report,	3596
" " " purchased past year,	76
" " " presented " "	22
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	3694
Number of families patrons of the library,	166
" " visitors who have taken books,	8
" " volumes taken by patrons,	4229
" " " " " visitors,	36
" " " " " public schools,	113

Library Committee in account with the Town of Northfield.

	DR.
To cash on hand last report,	\$10 52
“ appropriation for new books,	100 00
“ “ “ librarian and incidentals,	75 00
“ amount received from fines,	9 77
“ “ “ “ visitors,	1 80
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	\$197 09

1893.	CR.
May 24 By paid L. W. Rice, rebinding books,	\$7 40
“ “ “ “ express on books returned,	25
June 17 “ “ freight “ new books,	50
“ 22 “ “ express “ two new books,	25
July 3 “ “ Suppl. Catalogues and express,	5 50
“ 10, “ “ Labels,	50
“ 31, “ “ Balch Brothers, new books,	30 00
“ “ “ “ S. E. Bridgeman & Co., new books,	70 55
“ “ “ “ Postage,	06
Aug. 3, “ “ Clapp & Jones, covering paper,	1 50

1894.	
Feb. 17, By Paid Mrs. F. J. Stockbridge, librarian,	60 00
“ “ “ “ Incidentals,	2 60
“ “ “ “ Cash on hand,	17 98
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	\$197 09

DR. R. C. WARD,	} Library Committee.
DR. N. P. WOOD,	
CAPT. C. C. DUNCAN,	

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor and Assessors

— OF THE —

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

Together with the Reports of the School Committee, Library
Committee and Town Treasurer, for the year ending

FEBRUARY 10, 1895.

YARMOUTHPORT, MASS.:

FRED. HALLETT & CO., STEAM PRINTERS.

1895.

Report of Selectmen.

Following the worthy precedent of their predecessors, the Selectmen take pleasure in submitting to the citizens of Northfield, their report of the work accomplished during the past year. In all town reports, the town's people can but take an interest, inasmuch as by a perusal of the same, is shown the work done in the different departments, and the attendant expense. At the last annual meeting the town made its usual appropriations, which was found nearly sufficient to meet the calls in every department, and would suggest that the same amount be appropriated for the ensuing year.

While we have no one at O. H. Doolittle's at this time, yet the number aided outside has been so large that it has brought the total amount expended for poor nearly up to previous years.

During the past year, we have had to meet an additional expense in the Catherine Davis suit against the Town, but we have been able to meet these unlooked for expenses and the balance against the town has been greatly reduced.

TOWN WARRANT.

March 4, 1895, 9 o'clock A. M.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary town officers, for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the various town officers and committees and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to set aside a part of the town as a " Fire District " according to bounds filed with the Town Clerk or take action thereon.

Art. 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to enlarge the Cemetery at Northfield Farms or act thereon.

Art. 6. To vote by separate ballot " Yes " or " No " in answer to the question, " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? "

Art. 7. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

Art. 8. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888, and subsequent amendments, relating to the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to repair walls and put up railings near new iron bridge.

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for building a sidewalk on Main Street, at such place as they see fit, or act thereon, said walk to be a macadamized, graveled walk, not less than six feet wide.

Art. 11. To see if the town will lay out a road, starting on Highland Avenue, near Miss Marsh's, running easterly 125 rods, partly on land of Miss Marsh, Isaiah Moody and Northfield Seminary, on the south, and land of A. G. and D. L. Moody on the north, to a certain oak tree, and to raise money and build the same.

Art. 12. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the revision of the Jury List and act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will fix a date after which unpaid taxes shall bear interest, determine the rate of said interest, or act anything thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will allow a discount on all taxes paid in full on or before a certain date, fix the date and determine the rate of discount, or act anything thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied on the town debt.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of the Cemeteries and a Committee be chosen to expend the same.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to make additional shelf room in the Library or act thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

C. H. GREEN,
O. L. LEACH,
H. C. HOLTON,

Selectmen of Northfield.

JURY LIST FOR 1895.

Clifford Q. Holton,
Charles L. Banks,
Clarence A. Randall,
Roswell E. Dickenson,
Melvin J. Coller,
Samuel C. Holton,
Jairus L. Hammond,
Albert Whitaker,
Edward B. Murdock,
Charles A. Moulton,
Thomas R. Callender,
Francis J. Stockbridge,
Charles C. Stearns,

Cola R. Nelson,
Oren Darling,
Edward S. Bardwell,
Hiland R. Crowell,
Ambert G. Moody,
William D. Morgan,
James T. Cummings,
William H. Caldwell,
John H. Bolton,
Arthur W. Proctor,
Frank E. Heald,
Charles P. Britton,
Sumner L. Gates.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	\$768,713 00
“ “ personal estate,	101,627 00
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Total valuation May 1, 1894,	\$870,340 00
Number of polls,	492
“ “ persons assessed,	752
“ “ “ “ on property.	602
“ “ “ “ for poll tax only,	150
“ “ resident tax payers,	621
“ “ non-resident tax payers,	133
“ “ horses assessed,	536
“ “ cows,	725
“ “ sheep,	292
“ “ neat cattle,	252
“ “ swine,	213
“ “ dwelling houses,	387
“ “ acres of land,	19,364

ASSESSMENT FOR 1894.

State tax,	\$ 780 00
County tax,	1,333 68
	<hr/> \$2,113 68

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1894.

Schools in general,	\$2,500 00
“ repairs,	300 00
“ text books and supplies,	250 00

School conveyance,	\$100 00	
Contingent and support of poor,	3,000 00	
Library,	175 00	
Decoration Day,	50 00	
Highways, general repairs,	2,000 00	
Iron bridge,	400 00	
Sidewalk, Parker Avenue,	200 00	
Cemeteries,	175 00	
Payment on town debt,	500 00	
Overlay,	415 41	
	<hr/>	\$12,179 09
Raised on polls,	984 00	
“ “ personal estate,	1,315 77	
“ “ real “	9,879 32	
	<hr/>	\$12,179 09

Taxes on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate on \$1,000, 12.80.

C. H. GREEN,	}	Assessors
O. L. LEACH,		of
H. C. HOLTON,		Northfield.

Report of Overseers of the Poor, for 1894-5.

NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Board of Coleman C. Smith to January 1, 1895, \$169 46

WORCESTER ASYLUM.

Board of Miss Mary M. Pearson to Jan. 1, 1895, 169 46

MASSACHUSETTS STATE FARM, BRIDGEWATER.

Board of Charles Parker to Jan. 1, 1895, 146 00

MRS. GEORGE DOOLITTLE'S CHILDREN.

Town of Montague, by Cassidy Bros.,		
1893,	4 00	
Mary Cole, board to Sept. 5, 1894,	70 00	
Mrs. George Doolittle, board to Feb. 5,		
1895.	40 00	
	<hr/>	114 00

MRS. ELECTA STRATTON, WESTBORO.

Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, board to Feb. 1, 1895, 65 00

A. H. RICHARDS, WINCHENDON.

Town of Winchendon, medical assist-		
ance, 1893-4,	\$64 50	
Baxter, Robinson & Son, goods to Dec.		
29, 1894,	46 88	
G. Q. A. Bryant, goods to Jan. 1, 1895,	106 00	
	<hr/>	217 38

A. WATSON'S CHILDREN, WATERTOWN.

Town of Watertown, aid to Jan. 1, 1895,	\$99 39
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DWIGHT COOK AND FAMILY.

Town of Montague, aid to Jan. 1, 1895,	135 08
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PETER LE'BONTE, SPENCER.

Town of Spencer, aid and burial,	49 50
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MRS. ALVA KIMPLIN, BERNARDSTON.

Town of Bernardston, rent to January 1, 1895.	25 00
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MRS. SARAH ANDERSON, BERNARDSTON.

Town of Gill, support from April, 1, to	
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May 11,	57 37
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Town of Bernardston, aid and burial,	50 00
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ZOFIA JUNSENSZKA.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 50
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Fred Z. Allen, care and preparing for burial,	25 00
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	27 50
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CHARLES BRIGGS.

Thos. Quinlan, wood in January, 1894,	4 50
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Green & Severance, meal and hay,	6 20
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“ “ meal and flour,	5 00
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	15 70
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WILLIAM SMITH.

Fred. C. Britton, meat in January and February, 1894,	4 00
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R. C. Ward, medical attendance, 1893,	3 75
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W. B. Pratt, rent and wood, 1893,	11 00
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Fred C. Britton, meat,	3 19
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H. C. Parsons & Co., goods,	4 49
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Green & Severance, meal and hay,	\$12 10	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	15 00	
W. B. Pratt, rent, wood and plastering,	42 50	
W. J. Wright, aid to Jan. 1, 1895,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$136 03

CHARLES STRATTON.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance, 1893,	21 75	
O. H. Doolittle, care and goods furnished,	43 55	
C. H. Green, for moving,	5 00	
J. T. Bingham, care,	30 00	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	22 40	
H. H. Mason, casket and preparing for burial,	18 50	
C. H. Green, sundry cash items,	2 70	
	<hr/>	143 90

MRS. AMY MARSH.

O. H. Doolittle, care and preparing for burial,	56 25	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 25	
H. E. Bond, casket,	15 00	
H. H. Mason, burial services,	2 50	
C. H. Green, amount paid Rev. T. J. Clark,	6 00	
	<hr/>	81 00

MRS. CHAUNCEY KIMPLIN.

H. C. Parsons & Co., goods, 1893-4,	22 46	
F. V. Doolittle, rent to May 1, 1894,	2 50	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 00	
W. J. Wright, aid to Feb. 1, 1895,	31 50	
	<hr/>	57 46

MISS JOHANNA DRISCOLL.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance, 1893-4,	10 00	
W. J. Wright, aid to Jan. 18, 1895,	70 50	
	<hr/>	\$80 50

MRS. ELLEN O'KEEFE.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 00	
W. J. Wright, aid to Jan. 12, 1895,	46 25	
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MRS. JAMES MATTOON.

W. J. Wright, aid to Feb. 1, 1895,	33 00
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MRS. NELLIE STANFORD.

O. H. Doolittle, care to April 4, 1894,	31 50
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WARREN TUFT'S CHILDREN.

N. P. Wood, medical attendance,	38 75
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CHARLES LORD.

C. H. Webster, goods in 1893,	5 25	
F. V. Doolittle, care and clothing to Jan. 1, 1895,	76 22	
	<hr/>	81 47

GEORGE WHITAKER.

N. P. Wood, medical attendance,	17 50	
Warren M. Garrett, care,	12 00	
P. W. Preston, boarding W. M. Garrett,	8 00	
J. P. Aldrich, goods,	75	
C. S. Aldrich, services,	1 00	
E. E. Pierce, casket,	15 00	
H. C. Holton, amount paid Rev. G. F. Piper,	5 00	
	<hr/>	59 25

EMERY WHITE.

C. W. Lyman, (Erving) goods, 1893-4,	7 00
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\$2,137 95

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By cash from C. H. Green, acct. Mary Pearson,	\$83 64	
By cash from Alexander Pearson, acct. Mary Pearson,	85 06	
By cash from Charles Bancroft, acct. Nellie Stanford,	140 25	
By cash from town of New Salem, acct. Emery White,	13 00	
Due from town of New Salem, acct. Emery White,	4 00	
	<hr/>	325 95
Total expense of Poor,		<hr/> \$1,812 00

C. H. GREEN,	} Overseers of Poor of Northfield.
O. L. LEACH,	
H. C. HOLTON,	

CONTINGENT.

Central Vt. R. R. Co., tolls to Feb'y 1, 1894,		\$5 14
E. S. Bardwell, freight and express,		2 82
J. W. Black, repairs, 1893-4,		5 22
C. H. Webster, mdse., 1893-4	\$13 68	
insurance on No. 4,	27 00	
	<hr/>	40 68
M. H. Alkins, labor and material,		5 96
George Tyler & Co., repair of road scraper,		17 20
George W. Southworth, assessors' books,		3 85
A. D. Stearns, labor and material,		5 50
David May, repairs on ballot box,		50
L. G. Barton, surveying, 1893,		6 00

S. Allen's sons, ferry wire,		\$11 48
A. Johnson, care of ferry boat, (Munn's)		3 90
J. C. Delry, repairs, small boat, " "		3 60
Ira H. Ewers, repairs of ferry house,		10 45
C. J. Le'Compte, ferrage,		1 40
E. A. Hall & Co., adv. and printing,		40 38
C. T. Bagnall, printing town reports,	32 00	
" envelopes,	1	
	<hr/>	33 00
O. E. Slate, work on water,		1 30
Mrs. Amanda Webster, water rent,		5 00
J. A. Ross, water rent, 1893-4,		6 00
Northfield Aqueduct Co., water rent,		10 00
Warren Field, wood, 1893,		4 50
Henry Doolittle, " 1893,		6 00
Green & Leach, wood,		4 50
F. W. Doane, wood and coal, 1893-4,	21 50	
services as auditor 1894,	2 50	
	<hr/>	24 00
George J. Bacon, services as selectman, 1893,		146 00
Charles L. Robbins, services as select-		
man, 1893,	112 50	
Charles L. Robbins, services as school		
committee,	21 25	
Charles L. Robbins, services as election		
officer,	2 50	
Charles L. Robbins, sundry cash items,	5 00	
	<hr/>	141 25
Henry C. Holton, services as selectman,		
1893,	86 25	
Henry C. Holton, sundry cash items,	2 65	
	<hr/>	88 90
A. R. Lyman, services as registrar,		11 25

W. D. Crane, services as registrar,	\$10 00
F. J. Stockbridge, “ “	11 25
L. R. Smith, “ school committee,	33 00
W. J. Wright, “ “ 60 75	
“ clerk and treasurer, 135 45	
return of births and deaths, 6 25	
sundry cash items, 14 20	
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	216 65
R. C. Ward, services as inspector, 1893, 5 00	
“ “ 1894, 107 28	
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	112 28
Charles Pomeroy, services, 1893-4,	16 75
John R. Casey, officer's fees, 24 05	
police duty, 2 50	
care tramps to June 12, 43 70	
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	70 25
Henry H. Mason, police duty, 3 00	
care town hall, Feb. 1, '95, 36 00	
“ “ clock, 15 00	
“ “ library, 4 00	
work, town-house grounds, 50	
driving hearse, Jan. 1, '95, 41 50	
33 return of deaths, 8 25	
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	108 25
C. A. Ware, services as election officer, 1894,	2 50
C. C. Stearns, “ “ “ “	2 50
C. H. Green, sundry cash items,	24 65
O. L. Leach, “ “ “	10 48
R. K. Caldwell, collector, abatement of taxes, 1893,	72 69
W. M. Olin, Sec'y of Commonwealth, ink,	1 08
H. C. Holton, mowing cemetery,	2 00
Albert Clark, “ “	9 00
Amos Bigelow, “ “	6 00

H. H. Mason, mowing cemetery,	\$9 00
Benj. Morrison, “ “	2 25
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	\$1,366 36

MILITARY AND STATE AID.

Charles X. Janes, Military aid,	\$72 00	
D. W. Burnham, State aid,	24 00	
Thomas H. Hart, “ “	48 00	
Emeline Mattoon, “ “	48 00	
William Strange, “ “	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$204 00

Highway Report.

SNOW BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

Frank E. Stimson,	\$4 40	
Henry W. Stimpson,	5 42	
Oscar E. Slate,	1 75	
S. S. Fisher,	90	
Sumner Titus and others,	15 75	
Arthur C. Holton,	3 00	
P. W. Preston and others,	12 00	
D. L. Preston, and others,	14 21	
Frank W. Piper,	1 00	
Ansel Collier and others,	10 04	
Henry C. Holton and others,	7 85	
John R. Casey,	1 05	
R. K. Caldwell,	10 05	
Gardner Collier,	7 20	
George B. Kenney,	3 50	
Asa Keniston,	3 00	
William Gillette,	2 50	
Henry H. Mason,	50	
	————	\$104 12

SNOW BILLS OF THIS YEAR.

Frank Lamson,	80	
William Grace,	80	
	———	1 60
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		\$105 72

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Marshall S. Stearns,	labor,	\$ 70
Frank V. Doolittle,	"	10 00
John Callaghan,	"	21 00
William Bigelow,	"	20 17
James Campbell,	"	7 95
John Crelan,	"	140 35
George R. Clough,	"	59 75
John H. Robbins and others,	"	60 05
Orlando S. Davis,	"	24 50
Charles R. Keet,	"	15 00
George A. Stearns,	"	54 75
Charles Pomeroy,	"	50 00
William Bain and others,	"	14 65
Amos Bigelow,	"	37 38
James Barry,	"	1 80
Benjamin F. Streeter,	"	1 25
Charles P. Britton,	"	1 40
William W. Severance,	"	1 50
William W. Ross,	"	1 23
Edward C. Nash,	"	3 75
John Carroll,	"	75
Frank H. Montague,	"	10 65
Emolus O. Miller,	"	1 50
Frank Whithed,	"	8 10
George W. Piper,	"	3 00
Elson E. Howes,	"	14 25
William H. Browning,	"	75
Nelson G. Hilliard,	"	7 60
John D. Smith,	"	45
Sumner G. Titus and others,	"	20 35
William Burrows,	"	2 25
Dwight L. Preston and others,	"	118 65
Ansel Coller and others,	"	54 86

Simon S. Fisher,	labor,	\$13 80
Justus A. Holland,	“	1 50
John Casey,	“	13 50
John R. Casey,	“	125 75
Wright Arlin,	“	18 25
Andrew J. Arlin,	“	30 75
William Davis,	“	12 50
Gardner Coller,	“	11 75
Walter Mason,	“	5 25
Byron Gillette,	“	3 60
George W. Field,	“	7 25
David Dale,	“	1 05
Herbert D. Field,	“	16 00
Frank L. King,	“	2 85
John P. Wentworth,	“	3 00
Ozro D. Adams,	“	1 95
Clarence Shatton,	“	1 23
Charles H. Mack,	“	60
Albert Clark,	“	4 50
Northfield Seminary,	“	406 31
Ira H. Ewers,	“	3 30
Fostene Bigelow,	“	29 75
Oscar E. Slate,	“	3 00
Fred H. Simonds,	“	2 50
L. C. Miller,	“	4 50
William Allen,	“	3 00
Israel M. Harris,	“	4 95
Albert Whitaker,	“	2 50
Patrick Pigott,	“	75
Freeman A. Hilliard,	“	1 20
M. C. Miller,	“	1 50
George B. Kenney,	“	5 85
David Clowes,	“	4 25

George Webster,	labor,	\$1 50
Wallace Morgan,	“	3 00
Cyril J. Le'Compte,	“	3 00
George Nye,	“	75
Henry C. Holton,	“	9 25
Lyman H. Clay,	“	1 12
David D. Streeter,	“	6 25
James Wall,	“	5 00
Clinton A. Ware,	“	30
Rufus Phillips,	“	10 05
Andrew G. Hale,	“ 1893,	2 25
Charles H. Green,	“	14 25
Thomas B. Mattoon,	“ 1893,	1 25
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		\$1,576 75

MATERIAL FOR HIGHWAYS.

Cola R. Nelson, plank,	80	
Albert R. Lyman, “ 1893,	46	82
William D. Alexander, plank, 1893,	45	63
Northfield Seminary, plank,	8	42
stone,	1	00
drain pipe,	55	29
cement,	76	
	— — — —	65 47
William G. Slate, stone,		75
Green & Leach, posts,	10	20
George A. Stearns, railings and stringers,	7	00
Clinton A. Ware, stringers,	2	50
George E. Murdock, timber,	5	60
Andrew G. Hale, dirt, 1893,	10	00
Henry W. Montague, powder and fuse,	1	95
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		\$196 72

SIDEWALK, (PARKER AVENUE.)

J. B. Pierce, stone,	\$1 00	
F. B. Holton, covering stone,	2 50	
John Crehan, labor with team,	47 75	
Patrick Coughlin, " " "	37 50	
George Stearns, " " "	15 75	
F. E. Stimpson, " " "	7 00	
Charles Pomeroy, " " "	12 25	
John R. Casey, labor,	31 60	
John Casey, "	20 70	
Charles Mack, "	12 00	
A. J. Arlin, "	32 00	
W. O. Davis, "	12 00	
Daniel Driscoll, "	16 50	
James Barry, "	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$250 05

IRON BRIDGE.

R. F. Hawkins, bridge,	\$300 00	
Green & Leach, plank and timber,	12 72	
George A. Stearns, stone,	10 00	
W. N. Potter & Sons, cement,	16 50	
John Crehan, labor,	5 25	
Daniel O'Keefe, "	21 20	
John R. Casey, "	21 20	
C. H. Green, " as per bill,	9 25	
	<hr/>	\$396 12

This includes the whole cost of the bridge with the exception of one bill of a few dollars for plank.

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

George A. Stearns, lumber,	\$22 50
C. R. Nelson, pickets,	9 00
F. A. Webster, mill work,	1 50

II. C. Holton, materials furnished,	\$2 40	
drawing lumber,	3 50	
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O. H. Doolittle, labor,		30 10
F. L. King, “		2 55
Amos Bigelow, “		10 03
H. H. Mason, “		47 05
Albert Clark, “		15 00
John R. Casey, “		10 00
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		\$153 63

CATHERINE DAVIS CASE.

Dana Malone,	1,082 68
John A. Aiken, services and expense,	103 32
Dr. A. C. Walker, services,	70 00
George J. Bacon, services and expense,	56 05
Charles L. Robbins, services,	9 43
Henry C. Holton, services,	8 00
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	\$1,329 48

Selectmen's Financial Report.

To outstanding orders at last settlement,	\$342 85
To orders on Town Treasurer, since Feb. 10, 1894,	18,763 00

\$19,105 85

By paid for Poor,	\$2,137 95
“ “ Contingent,	1,366 36
“ “ Highway, snow, \$105 72	
“ “ “ repairs, 1,576 75	
“ “ “ material, 196 72	
	<hr/> 1,879 19
“ “ Sidewalk, Parker avenue,	250 05
“ “ Iron bridge,	396 12
“ “ Cemeteries,	153 63
“ “ Davis Case,	1,329 48
“ “ Schools,	3,504 33
“ “ Military and State Aid,	204 00
“ “ Error in check from R. K. Caldwell,	43 94
“ “ State tax,	780 00
“ “ County tax,	1,333 68
“ “ Corporation tax,	1 53
“ “ Memorial Day appropriation,	50 00
“ “ Library appropriation,	175 00
“ “ Temporary loans,	4,500 00
“ “ Interest on town debt,	157 74
“ “ Payment “ “	500 00

By paid for Outstanding orders 1893,	\$287 41	
By Outstanding orders 1893, not paid,	55 44	
	—————	\$19,105 85

C. H. GREEN,	}	Selectmen
O. L. LEACH,		of
H. C. HOLTON,		Northfield.

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT,
TREASURER.

	DR.	CR.
By balance from previous year's acct.,		\$1,938 86
“ cash from M. T. Moore, collector, account 1894 tax,		9,825 00
“ “ R. K. Caldwell, collector, acct. 1893 tax,		1,850 00
“ “ C. H. Green, account Mary Pierson,		127 58
“ “ Geo. J. Bacon, account error of payment,		27 20
“ “ Weatherhead & Darling, account sale of old furnace pipe,		2 00
“ “ Alex. Pierson, acct. Mary Pierson,		85 06
“ “ Franklin Co. National Bank, account temporary loan,		982 65
“ “ Mrs. N. P. Wood, collected tuition,		1 80

By cash from Franklin Co. Nation-		
al Bank, temporary		
loan,	\$982	91
temporary loan,	1,480	62
“ “	987	08
“ “	987	08
“ “ Auctioneers' licenses,	4	00
“ “ Treas. of the Com-		
monwealth,	1,671	81
“ “ Treasurer of Franklin		
County, acct. dog		
fund, (returned,)	133	59
To paid selectmen's orders,	\$19,050	41
By cash from income of Massachu-		
setts school fund,	316	07
“ “ Chas. Pomeroy, Tri-		
al Justice, account		
drunkenness,	8	00
“ “ C. H. Green, account		
butchers' licenses,	4	00
“ “ Chas. G. Bancroft,		
guardian, account		
Nellie Stanford,	140	25
“ “ Town of New Salem,		
acct. Emory White,	13	00
“ “ H. H. Mason, acct.		
rent of town hall,	61	50
“ “ L. R. Smith, school		
committee,	6	78
To cash balance,	2,586	43
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	\$21,636	84 \$21,636 84

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 9, 1895.

Financial Condition of the Town, February 9, 1895.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$3,100 00	
Franklin County National Bank,	1,000 00	
C. H. Green, Selectman,	99 50	
O. L. Leach, “	75 75	
H. C. Holton, “	85 50	
L. R. Smith, School Committee,	64 94	
Nellie M. Wood,	29 00	
R. K. Caldwell,	18 75	
Outstanding orders 1893,	55 44	
For Schools (estimated),	835 00	
	————	\$5,363 88

ASSETS.

Due from R. K. Caldwell, collector, acct.		
1893 tax,	\$243 93	
“ “ M. F. Moore, “ “		
1894 “	2,352 09	
“ “ town of New Salem,	4 00	
“ H. H. Mason, town hall,	13 00	
Interest on Surplus Revenue,	60 00	
Cash in town treasury,	2,586 43	
	————	5,259 45
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Balance against the town,		\$104 43

REPORT ON THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank,	\$1,087 17	
“ of interest to July 1, 1894,	21 73	
	<hr/>	\$1,108 90
Drawn from the bank July 1, 1894, and paid out as follows :		
Mrs. William Stevens,	10 00	
“ Charles Morgan,	5 00	
“ Ira Coy,	5 00	
“ Lot May,	5 00	
Miss Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
“ Mary Field,	5 00	
“ Fanny Field,	5 00	
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		\$1,068 90

C. H. GREEN,	}	Overseers of the Poor of Northfield.
O. L. LEACH,		
H. C. HOLTON,		

Report of School Committee.

In submitting the annual report of the schools for the year, we are able to say, that the year's work as a whole, has been very satisfactory, and that the majority of the schools, at the present time are in a good condition.

During the summer term, ten schools were in session, but for the remainder of the year only nine have been in session. The school in district No. 5 having been reduced to two scholars, because of removals, the committee thought it advisable to carry the scholars to adjoining districts. This has been done, and the advantage of larger schools and better teachers, to the children, has, in our judgment, been very great.

As this report is written before the close of the school year, we are unable to give you full statistics, but will give as many as possible. The number of scholars enrolled on the registers for the entire year is 254.

SCHOOL NO. 1, PRIMARY. Julia A.

Webster, teacher first term;

Minnie Whiting, teacher second term; Alice Belden, teacher

third term.

	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM	THIRD TERM.
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	36	36	28
Average daily attendance,	32.20	29.10	

NO. 1, GRAMMAR. Mrs. Lizzie M.

Caldwell, teacher.

Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	32	31	33
Average daily attendance,	22.33	24.87	

NO. 1, HIGH GRADE GRAMMAR.

Miss Susie Linsley, teacher first term; Miss Eulalia Gardner, teacher second and third terms.

	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	19	18	18
Average daily attendance,	16.77	16.3	

SCHOOL NO. 2. Miss Lucy V. Alexander, teacher.

Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	31	30	30
Average daily attendance,	28.74	27.94	

SCHOOL NO. 3. Miss Kate G. Mattoon, teacher.

Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	29	31	27
Average daily attendance,	23.31	24.39	

SCHOOL NO. 4. Miss Emily Eldridge, teacher first term; Miss Lottie Evans, teacher second and third terms.

Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	26	23	21
Average daily attendance,	19.3	20.	

SCHOOL NO. 5. Miss Nellie R. Rixford, teacher.

Length of school in weeks,	10		
Whole number of scholars,	4		
Average daily attendance,	3.33		

SCHOOL NO. 6. Miss Mabel Field, teacher first term; Miss Minnie White, teacher second and third terms.

Length of school in weeks,	10	10	12
Whole number of scholars,	6	16	16
Average daily attendance,	5.81	11.48	

SCHOOL NO. 7. Miss Nettie E.
Evans, teacher.

	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.	THIRD TERM.
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	23	28	26
Average daily attendance,		25.179	

SCHOOL NO. 9. Miss Jennie Pierce,
teacher.

	10	14	9
Length of school in weeks,	10	14	9
Whole number of scholars,	14	18	14
Average daily attendance,		13.64	

Several changes have been made in our corps of teachers. The Centre school, No. 1, was unfortunate in losing two efficient teachers by resignation, Miss Susie Linsley from the High Grade Grammar, and Miss Julia Webster from the Primary, at the close of the first term. Miss Eulalia Gardner was placed in the High Grade Grammar, and has completed the year. Miss Whiting, who taught the fall term, was removed at the end of it and Miss Alice Belden put in her place.

Twenty one different pupils have been enrolled in the High Grade Grammar. Many more ought to be there, and it is very wrong, when the advantages of a good education are so evident, that any of our young people will allow the opportunities of this school to pass.

The summer term in District No. 4 was taught by Miss Emily Eldridge: she resigned and Miss Lottie Evans has completed the year.

In District No. 6 Miss Mabel Field taught the summer term and Miss Minnie White the remaining terms. The other districts were fortunate in having one teacher throughout the year.

An effort has been made to hold teachers' meetings at regular intervals during the year; but we have not received hearty co-operation from all the teachers. This is to

be regretted, for, properly conducted, these meetings are fruitful of much good to teachers, and those who cannot become interested in these will never make a success of their vocation, and should give way to other teachers.

The attendance and interest of the scholars, has, in the main, been good. A few cases of truancy have been reported to the truant officer who has promptly attended to the complaints. A little more care and watchfulness on the part of parents would almost wholly remedy this trouble.

The teachers of the Centre school, with commendable energy and interest, have given, with their schools, entertainments during the year, to raise money to purchase books for the school library. They earned \$63.00, and over fifty valuable books have been purchased; among them the Encyclopedia Britanica, comprising twenty-five volumes.

At the beginning of the second term we put Eggleston's Histories in all the schools in place of Scudder's. This work on History comprises two volumes, the Primary and Advanced, and is admirably fitted for use in our schools. It is hoped that other important changes may be made in the text-books, during the coming year.

Free hand drawing has been introduced into all the schools, one lesson being given each week. Prang's system of drawing is used, and with the aid of the manuals the teachers have been able to teach it very satisfactorily.

Besides the usual school supplies, a handsome oak book case has been purchased for the school library of the Centre school.

Aside from incidental repairs, but few have been necessary during the year. The entrance hall in the school-house in district No. 4, was sheathed at small expense, and a few extra seats placed in No. 6, owing to an increase in the membership of the school.

In connection with our recommendation for the appropriation for 1895, we wish to call the attention of the voters to Chapter 431 of the acts of 1888, as amended by the acts of 1893. Under this provision any two or more towns having not more than fifty nor less than twenty-five schools in the aggregate, and the valuation of each of which does not exceed \$2,500,000 may by vote of the several towns unite for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools. In case such a union is effected and an appropriation of not less than \$750 is made by the towns jointly for the salary of the superintendent of schools, and a statement to this effect is made to the State Auditor that the union has been made and the amount appropriated as above, and that the superintendent has been employed for one year, a warrant is drawn by the treasurer of the Commonwealth for the payment of \$1,250, \$750 of which are directly applicable to the payment of the salary of the superintendent, and the remaining \$500 shall be paid for the salaries of teachers employed in the public schools within the district. In other words, the district is to pay the superintendent not less than \$1,500, and when the provisions of the law are properly complied with, the State pays the district \$1,250 leaving the net amount expended practically but \$250.

This law has been in operation for several years and additional districts are being formed each year. Up to January 1st, 1895, the number of towns and cities in the state, that had availed themselves of the services of superintendent was over 200 of which number about 122 had taken advantage of the law of 1888. This contribution by the Commonwealth has been made possible by the considerate attitude of the representatives of the wealthier towns and cities, which pay 90 per cent. of the state tax.

The added burden to this town will be small, and this

will be partly offset by a reduction in the expenses of the school committee. The committee feel that the time has arrived for Northfield to take action in the matter, and that under the existing condition of things, the actual expense when the law shall be in operation will be but little more than at present. This town is assisting indirectly in supporting superintendents in other districts, and it seems no more than right that it should have its share of the money.

It is very probable that a union can be effected with two or more adjoining towns, and the Selectmen have been requested to insert an article in the warrant under which the necessary action can be taken by the town at the coming town meeting.

We recommend for the coming year: for schools \$2,800; for repairs on school buildings \$300; for books and supplies, \$300; for conveyance of scholars, \$100.

L. R. SMITH,	}	School Committee.
R. K. CALDWELL,		
NELLIE M. WOOD.		

Financial School Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1895.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2,500 00	
Repairs,	300 00	
Text-books and supplies,	250 00	
Conveyance,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,150 00
Massachusetts school fund,	316 07	
Dog fund,	133 59	
Income surplus revenue,	60 00	
Tuition,	1 80	
Books and supplies,	1 78	
	<hr/>	513 24
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		\$3,663 24

EXPENDITURES.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Susie M. Linsley,	No. 1,	\$120 00
Mrs. Lizzie M. Caldwell,	“ “	240 00
Julia Webster,	“ “	80 00
Edith Whiting,	“ “	112 00
Eulalia B. Gardner,	“ “	180 00
Lucy V. Alexander,	“ 2	192 00
Kate G. Mattoon,	“ 3	180 00
Miss Emily Eldridge,	“ 4	75 00
Lottie Evans,	“ 4	105 00

Nellie Rixford,	No. 5	\$65 00	
Mable Field,	" 6	65 00	
Minnie A. White,	" 6	71 50	
Nettie Evans,	" 7	180 00	
Jennie Pierce,	" 9	180 00	
		————	\$1,845 ⁷ / ₅₀

FUEL.

Thomas Quinlan, wood for No. 1,	\$7 81	
L. R. Smith, wood No. 2,	19 25	
M. T. Moore, wood and labor Nos. 1, 9,	35 00	
C. R. Pomeroy, cutting wood No. 1,	2 00	
F. W. Doane, coal at No. 1,	63 30	
C. A. Moulton, wood No. 4,	20 00	
Frank Piper, cutting wood No. 6,	2 81	
H. C. Wentworth, cutting wood Nos. 3, 5, 4	12	
G. L. Fuller, Nos. 3, 7,	4 50	
	————	\$158 79

REPAIRS.

Frank Piper, No. 6,	\$3 50	
Wm. Moore, No. 1,	10 50	
Frank Turner, painting black boards, No. 1,	3 00	
Willie Grace, cleaning well, No. 1,	2 50	
United States Furniture Co., seats, No. 6,	13 00	
H. W. Montague, No. 4,	18 48	
Fred G. Stearns, No. 3, 5,	2 25	
J. A. Ross, No. 6,	3 50	
	————	\$56 73

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Wm. Ware & Co., books,	\$11 00
Silver, Burdette, " "	50 92
American Book Co., " "	69 12
Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	127 45

H. C. Parsons & Co., supplies,	\$1 40	
Mrs. N. P. Wood, “	1 99	
Eugene Lamb, “	12 00	
E. S. Bardwell, freight,	7 05	
	<hr/>	\$280 93

CONVEYANCE.

S. L. Pike, carrying scholars to school-house in District 6,	\$44 00	
S. S. Fisher, carrying scholars from District No. 5 to Dis. No. 9,	28 00	
C. J. LaCompte, ferrages,	7 96	
	<hr/>	\$79 96

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Susie M. Lindsay, teaching No. 1,	\$72 00	
Mrs. F. B. Caldwell, teaching No. 1,	90 00	
Julia Webster, “ “ 1,	72 00	
Emily Eldridge, “ “ 4,	90 00	
Mabel Field, “ “ 6,	84 50	
Jennie Pierce, “ “ 9,	86 90	
Mary L. Loring, “ “ 3,	85 25	
Lucy V. Alexander, “ “ 2,	96 00	
R. A. Harris, “ “ 7,	67 80	
	<hr/>	\$744 45
Thompson Brown & Co., books,	9 35	
Boston S. Supply & Co., “	52 00	
America Book Co., “	5 38	
E. L. Hildreth & Co., supplies,	2 00	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books,	15 20	
	<hr/>	83 93
John P. Wentworth, wood, No. 3,	14 25	
John P. Wentworth, “ “ 5,	8 00	
Thomas Quinlan, “ “ 1,	6 56	
George Stearns, “ “ 6,	9 00	

Willie Alexander, care,	No. 2,	\$4 20	
Edward Kiernan	" 7,	2 80	
Emily Eldredge,	"supplies" 4,	6 25	
Fred W. Doane, coal	" " 1,	16 05	
Fred W. Doane,	" " 1,	6 50	
Fred M. Ross, care	" 6,	3 90	
Chas. R. Pomeroy,	" " " 1,	33 50	
Fred G. Stearns, repairs,	" 3,	50	
C. R. Nelson, wood,	" 7,	5 43	
J. A. Ross, book case,	" 6,	6 00	
S. L. Pike, carrying scholars,	" 6,	8 00	
		—	130 94
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			\$959 32

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

E. C. Holton, cleaning No. 3,	\$2 50	
C. A. Winchester, cleaning and labor,		
No. 3,	3 50	
Mrs. Annie Thornton, cleaning and la-		
bor, No. 4,	4 00	
Frank Piper, cleaning, No. 6,	2 00	
Mrs. Mary Gates, cleaning, No. 7,	3 00	
B. R. Morrison, cleaning, No. 7,	3 35	
	—	\$18 35
C. R. Pomeroy, services as janitor		
District No. 1,	54 75	
Willie Alexander, services as janitor,		
District No. 2,	8 40	

G. A. Field, janitor, District No. 3,	\$2 50	
Ward Holton, " " " 3,	4 90	
Emily Eldridge, " " " 4,	4 00	
Leslie Darling, " " " 4,	2 50	
Nellie Rixford, " " " 5,	3 00	
Mabel Field, " " " 6,	2 50	
W. H. Doolittle, " " " 7,	8 50	
Jennie Pierce, janitor and labor, " 9,	9 20	
Bertie Barret, janitor, District " 4,	4 50	
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		104 75
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		\$123 10

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,	\$3,663 24	
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Old bills paid,	959 32	
Paid teachers, two terms,	1,845 50	
Fuel,	158 79	
Repairs on buildings,	56 73	
Care of buildings,	123 10	
Text books and supplies,	280 93	
Conveyance,	79 96	
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		\$3,504 33
Expended on previous year's account,	959 32	
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Expenses current year,	\$2,545 01	
Due " " (estimated)	835 00	
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		\$3,380 01

L. R. SMITH,
 MRS. N. M. WOOD, } School
 R. K. CALDWELL, } Committee.

Library Committee's Report.

FEBRUARY 9, 1895.

Number of volumes in library per last report,	3,694
“ “ bought the past year,	91
“ “ presented the past year,	45

Total,	3,830
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Number of families patrons of library,	200
“ visitors “ “	11
“ volumes taken by resident patrons,	4,398
“ “ “ visitors,	32
“ “ “ public schools,	199

Total number of volumes taken,	4,629
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LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

Dr.

To cash on hand per last report,	\$17 98
“ appropriation for books,	100 00
“ “ Librarian and in-	
cidentalals,	75 00
“ amount of fines from patrons,	10 46
“ “ fees “ visitors,	1 60
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	\$205 04

1894.		CR.	
May	16.	By express on books,	1 30
June	5.	“ fiber paper and labels,	1 25
	8.	“ express on supp. cata- logues,	15
	14.	“ cash for new books,	97 88
July	10.	“ cash for supp. catalogues,	6 75
	16.	“ express on rebound books,	25
Oct.	18.	“ rebinding books,	3 20
Dec.	20.	“ cross section paper,	4 00

1895.

Feb.	9.	“ Librarian's salary,	60 00
	“	“ incidentals paid by Librarian,	2 77
		“ postage,	20
Feb.	9.	“ cash on hand,	27 29

 \$205 04

Uncollected fines,

81

The number of families taking books the past year exceeds those of the preceding year by thirty-four, and the number of volumes taken out exceeds those of the preceding year by 251. The shelf room is now practically all occupied, which necessitates some provision by the town of additional shelf room for books to be purchased in the future. Your attention is called to an article in the *warrant* relative to the same.

N. P. WOOD,	} Library Committee.
C. C. DUNCAN,	
R. C. WARD,	

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
Overseers of Poor and Assessors
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
TOGETHER WITH
Reports of the School Committee, Library
Committee and Town Treasurer,
FOR THE
Year ending February 14, 1896.

GARDNER, MASS. :
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1896.

Report of Selectmen.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD:

We herewith submit to you for your consideration our report for the year ending Feb. 14th, 1896. We have, in some instances, exceeded appropriations, for there has been, as in all previous years, unforeseen emergencies which we were obliged to meet; but we make no excuses, for we think, as a whole, our financial situation very favorable.

Town Warrant.

March 2d, 1896—9 o'clock A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the various Town Officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ART. 4. To vote by separate ballot, "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?"

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept as a public way a street to be known as Pine street, as laid out by the Selectmen Nov. 25th, 1895, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote leave to the citizens to form a "Village Improvement Society," or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept of the Jury List as revised, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take in regard to discount or interest on taxes, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied on the Town debt.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to gravel Main street, or act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day.

ART. 14. To see what action the Town will take relative to the Treasurer's salary, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of the Cemeteries, and a Committee be chosen to expend the same, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for fencing and laying out into lots the Cemetery at the Farms.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will loan books from their Library to School District No 4, to be kept at their Library for the use of said District and others in said Town, and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the same.

C. H. GREEN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Northfield.</i>
O. L. LEACH,		
H. C. HOLTON,		

Jury List for 1896.

Charles L. Banks,
Roswell E. Dickenson,
Melvin J. Collier,
James L. Hammond,
Edward B. Murdock,
Francis J. Stockbridge,
Charles C. Stearns,
Cola R. Nelson,
Oren Darling,
Edward S. Bardwell,
Hiland R. Crowell,
Ambert G. Moody,
William D. Morgan,

James T. Cummings,
John H. Bolton,
Arthur W. Proctor,
Frank E. Heald,
Charles P. Britton,
Sumner L. Gates,
Fred. Z. Allen,
Sanford W. Weatherhead.
James Wall,
John H. Eames,
Henry H. Nash,
Alonzo A. Newton,
Charles L. Gilbert.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	\$799,867 00
Valuation of personal estate,	94,185 00

Total valuation May 1, 1895,	<u>\$894,052 00</u>
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Number of polls,	507
persons assessed,	760
persons assessed on property,	600
persons assessed for poll-tax only,	160
resident taxpayers,	468
non-resident taxpayers,	132
horses assessed,	556
cows assessed,	670
sheep assessed,	281
neat cattle assessed,	285
swine assessed,	253
dwellings assessed,	419
acres of land assessed,	19,638

ASSESSMENT FOR 1895.

State tax,	\$585 00
County tax,	1,344 82
	<u>\$1,929 82</u>

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1895.

Schools in general,	\$2,800 00
repairs,	300 00
text books and supplies,	300 00
conveyance,	100 00
Superintendent,	270 00

Contingent and support of poor,	\$3,000 00
Highways, general repairs,	2,000 00
New iron bridge railings, etc.,	250 00
Cemeteries,	175 00
Library,	175 00
Library, special,	50 00
Decoration Day,	50 00
Payment on Town debt,	500 00
Overlay,	478 57
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	\$10,448 57
Raised on polls,	\$1,014 00
personal estate,	1,199 86
real estate,	10,164 53
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	\$12,378 39

Taxes on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate on \$1,000, \$12.70.

C. H. GREEN,	}	<i>Assessors of Northfield.</i>
O. L. LEACH,		
H. C. HOLTON,		

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

MARY PIERSON :		
Worcester Asylum, care to Jan. 1, 1896,		\$169 46
COLEMAN C. SMITH :		
Northampton Hospital, care to Jan. 1, 1896,		169 46
JOHN QUINLAN :		
Northampton Hospital, care to Jan. 1, 1896,		47 35
CHARLES PARKER :		
Mass. State Farm, care to Jan. 1, 1896,		146 00
MRS. ELECTA R. STRATTON (Westboro) :		
Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, care to Feb. 1, 1896,		60 00
MRS. GEORGE DOOLITTLE'S CHILDREN :		
Mrs. George Doolittle, care to Feb. 5, 1896,		96 00
A. H. RICHARDS (Winchendon) :		
Town of Winchendon, medical assistance,	\$26 82	
G. Q. A. Bryant, goods furnished,	64 80	
Baxter Robinson & Son, goods furnished,	55 39	
C. H. Green, expenses to Winchendon,	2 80	
		149 81
WATSON FAMILY (Watertown) :		
Town of Watertown, aid rendered,		113 95
ARTHUR WHITNEY (Lowell) :		
City of Lowell, medical assistance,		2 50
MRS. ALVA KIMPLIN (Bernardston) :		
Town of Bernardston, rent to Jan. 1, 1896,		25 00

JAMES BYRENS :

John R. Casey, board and care,	\$6 00	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 00	
C. H. Webster & Co., goods furnished,	1 75	
C. H. Green, expenses to Tewksbury,	9 92	
	<hr/>	\$18 67

DWIGHT COOK (Montague)

Town of Montague, aid rendered,		98 00
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CHARLES LORD :

F. V. Doolittle, board to Feb. 1, 1896,	\$92 12	
C. H. Webster & Co., goods furnished,	9 35	
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MRS. JAMES MATTOON :

W. J. Wright, Treas., aid furnished,		72 00
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ASA KENISTON :

C. H. Webster & Co., goods furnished,	\$24 33	
H. R. Crowell, goods furnished,	50	
Green & Severance, hay and grain,	11 55	
R. W. Bixby, milk,	4 20	
Arnold Holton, rent,	4 00	
C. M. Baldwin, wood,	2 28	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	41 85	
Mrs. Ella Baldwin, care,	14 67	
Mrs. Hatstat, care,	4 50	
Mrs. Charles Briggs, care,	1 00	
F. E. Stimpson, conveyance,	1 00	
	<hr/>	109 88

WILLIAM J. SMITH :

W. B. Pratt, rent and wood,	\$54 60	
W. J. Wright, Treas., aid rendered,	15 00	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	21 25	
Caldwell Bros., team,	1 00	
H. E. Bond, casket,	12 00	
	<hr/>	103 85

MRS. MARY A. SMITH :

Ozro H. Doolittle, board and care,	\$90 00	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 50	
	<hr/>	92 50

JOHANNA DRISCOLL :

Ozro H. Doolittle, board and care,	\$92 50	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	3 00	
W. J. Wright, Treas., aid rendered,	19 50	
	<hr/>	\$115 00

GARDNER COLLIER :

Green & Severance, hay and grain,	\$24 27	
C. H. Webster & Co., goods furnished,	4 28	
	<hr/>	28 55

MRS. ELLEN O'KEEFE :

W. J. Wright, Treas., aid rendered,	\$71 75	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 00	
	<hr/>	73 79

MRS. CHAUNCEY KIMPLIN :

W. J. Wright, Treas., aid rendered,	42 00	
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GEORGE WHITAKER :

George L. Fuller, burial,	1 50	
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By cash from C. H. Green, account Mary Pearson,	\$83 93	
By amount due from Alexander Pearson, account Mary Pearson,	85 53	
By cash from Town of Ashby, account Asa Keniston,	109 88	
	<hr/>	279 34
Total expense of poor,		\$1,536 11

C. H. GREEN,	} <i>Overseers</i>
O. L. LEACH,	
H. C. HOLTON,	

of Poor of Northfield.

Contingent Expenses.

M. C. Miller, water rent, 1894-5,	\$10 00	
George H. Hilliard, water rent,	5 00	
H. B. Parker, water rent,	3 00	
E. C. Field, water rent, 1894-5,	10 00	
E. W. Smith, water rent, 1894-5,	8 00	
Amanda Webster, water rent,	5 00	
Northfield Aqueduct Company, water rent,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$51 00
Fred W. Doane, coal,		17 40
George Tyler & Co., parts for scraper,		20 60
Henry H. Mason, cover stools,		6 00
George E. Foster & Co., safe,		45 00
George W. Southworth, Assessor's books,		3 65
Samuel Hobbs & Co., stationery,		6 00
Charles E. Pierce, stationery,		2 50
Fred Hallett & Co., stationery,	\$2 50	
printing Town reports,	35 20	
	<hr/>	37 70
C. C. Stearns, amount paid for wrappers,		4 40
Cecil T. Bagnall, printing,		5 95
George S. Hatch, dies, Sealer Weights and Measures,		1 50
W. D. Morgan, tables,		4 17
E. R. & E. H. Tarbell, chandeliers,		56 25
C. H. Webster & Co., goods as per bill,	\$35 80	
C. H. Webster, insurance,	119 25	
	<hr/>	155 05
E. S. Bardwell, freight and express,		8 83
Central Vt. R. R. tolls,		3 79
J. S. DeFord, repairs on derrick,		2 95
K. E. Nims, repairs on scraper,		3 75

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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George H. Alexander, repairing chimneys on Town Hall,	\$9 30	
W. H. Holton, cleaning and repairing town clock,	15 00	
Ryan Bros., repairs at Town Hall,	4 29	
J. F. Bartlett, painting Town Hall,	\$175 00	
setting glass, painting fence, settees		
and hearse-house,	81 00	
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		256 00
F. S. Stevens, work on fence and settees,		28 54
Ira H. Ewers, pair oars,		2 00
F. E. Stimpson, account Garvey,		5 00
William F. Flint, surveying,		4 00
A. W. Adams, return of auctioneer's license,		2 00
George P. Mattoon, error in taxes, 1895,		10 00
Charles Pomeroy, abatement of tax, Perry farm,		4 00
M. T. Moore, discount and abatement of taxes,		
1894,	\$453 87	
discount and abatement of taxes,		
1895,	364 73	
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		818 60
C. R. Nelson, running town line,	\$2 00	
H. W. Montague, running town line,	2 00	
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		4 00
Jas. T. Cummings, services as auditor and fire warden,		7 50
R. C. Ward, services as inspector,		129 00
C. C. Stearns, services as auditor,	\$2 50	
services as election officer,	2 50	
making two copies of valuation book,	21 00	
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		26 00
George J. Bacon, services as election officer,		2 50
C. L. Robbins, services as election officer,		2 50
George B. Callender, services as election officer,		2 50
W. D. Crane, services as registrar,		6 25
A. R. Lyman, services as registrar,		11 25
F. J. Stockbridge, services as registrar,		11 25
T. R. Callender, services as registrar,	\$5 00	
services as election officer,	2 50	
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		7 50
John R. Casey, officer's fees,	\$1 00	
services as election officer, 1894-5,	5 00	
care of tramps to Feb. 14,	65 40	
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		71 40

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

M. T. Moore, services as constable and collector,		
1894,	\$123 00	
services as constable and collector,		
1895,	131 00	
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R. K. Caldwell, posting warrants,	\$9 00	
services as school committee,	18 75	
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Nellie M. Wood, services as school committee,		29 00
L. R. Smith, services as school committee,		64 94
F. A. Hilliard, services as sexton,		2 00
H. H. Mason, officer's fees,	\$9 96	
driving hearse to Jan. 1,	33 00	
	<hr/>	42 96
W. J. Wright, return of births,	\$8 75	
Gorley property,	42 74	
cash items,	15 70	
services as clerk and treasurer,	150 25	
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H. C. Holton, cash items,	14 85	
services as selectman,	85 50	
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O. L. Leach, cash items,	\$2 00	
services as selectman,	75 75	
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C. H. Green, cash items,	\$26 40	
services as selectman,	99 50	
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		\$2,818 96

Military and State Aid.

Charles X. Janes, military aid,	\$72 00
William Strange, state aid,	48 00
Daniel W. Burnham, state aid,	24 00
Thomas H. Hart,	48 00
Emeline Mattoon, state aid,	28 00
Roswell Stratton, state aid,	20 00
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	\$240 00

Cemeteries.

H. W. Montague and others, labor,	\$6 28
H. H. Mason, labor,	22 55
S. K. Sawyer,	15 52
Benjamin Morrison, labor,	2 00
James Barry, labor,	75
Patsey McCarthy, labor,	4 12
Frank Perould, labor,	6 00
Amos Bigelow, labor,	22 76
O. E. Slate, labor,	3 45
G. H. Baldwin, labor,	1 50
H. C. Holton, painting,	18 40
Fred H. Turner, painting.	11 75
C. H. Webster & Co., paint,	3 00
H. R. Crowell, paint,	8 95
Newcomb Bros, paint,	11 50
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	\$138 53

Cemetery at Farms.

(Enlargement.)

W. S. Osgood, land damage,	\$100 00
County commissioners, services,	15 80
C. W. Clapp, survey and plan,	12 30
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	\$128 10

Highways.

D. L. Preston and others, work on highway,	\$33 50
Ansel Coller and others, work on highway,	147 91
E. E. Howes and others, work on highway,	7 20
W. W. Montague and others, work on highway,	98 49
F. A. Hilliard and others, work on highway,	186 82
C. I. Holton and others, work on highway,	93 86
J. A. Holland and others, work on highway,	28 49
C. P. Britton and others, work on highway,	167 74
John R. Casey and man, work on highway,	292 10
Frank Perould, work on highway,	2 10
Henry Stimpson, work on highway,	6 30
Perley Stimpson, work on highway,	4 05
Amos Whitaker, work on highway,	75
William Grace, work on highway,	75
George Murdock, work on highway,	7 74
Terrence Coughlin, work on highway,	1 95
S. S. Fisher, work on highway,	4 95
John Crehan, work on highway,	4 20
Ed. O'Keefe, work on highway,	1 43
H. C. Holton, work on highway,	99 83
Ira H. Ewers, work on highway,	11 05
Hiram Johnson, work on highway,	2 78
O. S. Davis, work on highway,	12 25
H. D. Field, work on highway,	312 00
William Burrows, work on highway,	14 50
Gardner Coller, work on highway,	27 30
James Wall, work on highway,	13 00
Amos Bigelow, work on highway,	11 20
F. E. Stimpson, work on highway,	5 25
James Barry, work on highway,	22 35
Patrick Coughlin, work on highway,	18 80
Wright Arlin, work on highway,	24 45
Burton A. Spencer, work on highway,	2 80

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Patsey McCarthy, work on highway,	\$ 75	
Frank B. Streeter, work on highway,	3 75	
George A. Stearns, work on highway,	13 30	
John H. Robbins, work on highway,	2 25	
Charles Strange, work on highway,	1 00	
George H. Slate, work on highway,	8 70	
Charles W. Slate, work on highway,	9 45	
Oscar E. Slate, work on highway,	14 55	
F. V. Wood, work on highway,	2 25	
Isaac Murdock, work on highway,	36 57	
John Casey, work on highway,	7 35	
Jason Bump, for work on highway,	14 25	
John H. Dalton, for work on highway,	32 90	
Charles Pomeroy estate, for work on highway,	5 25	
James W. Cowles, for work on highway,	5 00	
John Grace, work on highway,	75	
Frank Williamson, work on highway,	3 50	
C. R. Pomeroy, work on highway,	28 52	
F. W. Doane, work on highway,	14 00	
E. L. Cosgrove, work on highway,	1 35	
Thomas Quinlan, work on highway,	14 00	
William Bain, work on highway,	7 35	
Daniel O'Keefe, work on highway,	3 00	
Leon Pratt, work on highway,	1 53	
David Clowes, labor on bound stones,	7 50	
F. B. Holton, labor on bound stones,	13 82	
J. W. Black, sharpening drills, etc.,	4 80	
J. S. DeFord, sharpening drills, etc.,	5 85	
Seminary, work on highway,	50 61	
A. D. Stearns, repairs on ferryboat,	41 05	
		\$2,022 84

Material.

A. D. Stearns, railing,	\$3 00	
M. T. Moore, stone,	2 00	
H. N. F. Marshall, bound stone,	10 69	
Green & Severance, cement,	50	
George J. Bacon, plank,	12 80	
Ansel Collier, plank,	28 80	
C. R. Nelson, plank,	3 00	
		\$60 79
		\$2,083 63

Railing and Wall at Iron Bridge.

Manchester & Ward, railing,	\$75 00
John R. Casey, self, man and team,	62 03
Leon Hatstat, labor with team,	5 40
Cassius M. Baldwin, labor with team,	37 62
Wright Arlin, labor,	23 25
E. C. Rugg, labor,	35 00
George H. Slate, labor,	29 25
Frank Williamson, labor,	24 00
John Grace, labor,	4 00
James P. Campbell, labor,	2 25
H. C. Holton, labor,	50 00
F. B. Holton, stone,	36 90
Green & Severance, cement,	17 60
Newcomb Bros., paint,	3 15
H. L. Brigham, painting,	3 40

\$408 85

Selectmen's Financial Report.

DR.

Outstanding orders at last settlement,	\$55 44
Orders issued on Town Treasurer since Feb. '10,	
1895,	20,397 62
	<u>\$20,453 06</u>

CR.

Paid for poor,	\$1,836 70
contingent,	2,818 96
highways,	2,083 63
schools,	4,203 03
cemeteries,	138 53
cemetery at Farms,	128 10
railing and wall at iron bridge,	408 85
military and State aid,	240 00
library appropriation,	175 00
library appropriation, special,	50 00
Memorial Day appropriation,	50 00
State tax,	585 00
County tax,	1,344 82
interest on town debt,	135 00
payment on town debt,	500 00
temporary loans,	5,700 00
outstanding orders, 1893,	50 00
Outstanding orders, 1893, not paid,	5 44
	<u>\$20,453 06</u>

C. H. GREEN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
O. L. LEACH,	
H. C. HOLTON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Northfield.</i>

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT, TREASURER :

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Balance previous year's account,	\$2,586 43
Received from A. Pierson, account Mary Pierson,	85 82
Town of Ashby, account A. Kiniston,	109 88
Parker D. Martin, trial justice,	
account John Brown,	10 00
C.H.Green, account butchers' licenses,	
Aldrich, Irish and Murdock,	3 00
R. K. Caldwell, collector, account 1893,	
taxes (unsettled),	243 93
State Treasurer, support and burial	
state pauper,	36 22
A. W. Adams, auctioneer's license,	2 00
State Treasurer, cor-	
poration taxes,	\$1,358 66
State Treasurer, na-	
tional bank,	242 89
State Treasurer, state aid,	164 00
	<hr/> \$1,765 55
C. H. Green, overseer of poor,	
account Mary Pierson,	83 93
E. A. Newcomb, County Treas.,	
account dog fund (returned),	151 15
State Treasurer, account	
state pauper,	\$1 80
State Treasurer, income	
Massachusetts school	
fund,	335 35
	<hr/> \$337 15
M. T. Moore, collector, account	
interest 1894 taxes,	13 34

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Received from M. T. Moore, collector, account	
1894 taxes,	\$2,225 00
Charles H. Green, account C. C.	
Young, butchers' license,	1 00
Charles H. Green, error,	3 30
Temporary loans,	4,631 86
M. T. Moore, collector, account	
1895 taxes,	9,600 00
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	\$21,914 56

DR.

Paid Selectmen's orders,	\$20,397 62
Selectmen's orders, outstanding,	50 00
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	\$20,447 62
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Balance,	\$1,466 94

NORTHFIELD, MASS., Feb. 14th, 1896.

W. J. WRIGHT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH PICKARD CEMETERY FUND.

(Fund \$100. Interest only available.)

	DR.	CR.
Jan. 27. By cash, interest received,		\$5 08
To cash on hand (bills not rendered),	\$5 08	
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	\$5 08	\$5 08

W. J. WRIGHT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH ALEXANDER CEMETERY FUND.

(Fund \$200. Interest only available.)

	DR.	CR.
Jan. 27. By cash, interest received,		\$8 08
To cash on hand (bills not rendered),	\$8 08	
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	\$8 08	\$8 08

NORTHFIELD, MASS., Feb. 14, 1896.

Financial Condition of the Town.

FEBRUARY 14TH, 1896.

Liabilities.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$2,600 00	
C. H. Green, selectman,	128 00	
O. L. Leach, selectman,	95 50	
H. C. Holton, selectman,	100 50	
L. R. Smith, school committee,	45 75	
Nellie M. Wood, school committee,	51 73	
R. K. Caldwell, school committee,	43 25	
For schools (estimated),	858 00	
Outstanding orders, 1893,	5 44	
		<u>\$3,928 17</u>

Assets.

Due from M. T. Moore, Collector, account 1894 tax,	\$129 09	
Due from M. T. Moore, Collector, account 1895 tax,	2,782 20	
Due from Alexander Pierson, account Mary Pierson,	85 53	
Due from Town of New Salem,	4 00	
Interest on surplus revenue,	60 00	
Cash in Town treasury,	1,466 94	
		<u>\$4,527 76</u>
Balance in favor of the Town,		<u>\$599 59</u>

REPORT OF THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Feb. 10, 1895,	\$1,068 90	
Interest to July 1st, 1895,	43 16	
		<u>\$1,112 06</u>
Drawn from the bank Dec. 9, and paid out as follows :		
Mrs. Jonathan Lyman,	\$10 00	
Mrs. Ella Tufts,	10 00	
Mary and Fanny Field,	10 00	
Mrs. William Stevens,	10 00	
Mrs. Lott May,	5 00	
Hattie and Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
		<u>\$50 00</u>
		<u>\$1,062 06</u>

C. H. GREEN,	} Overseers of Poor of Northfield.
O. L. LEACH,	
H. C. HOLTON,	

Report of the School Committee.

In submitting the annual report of the schools of Northfield for the year ending March, 1896, the committee are pleased to refer the citizens to the report of the superintendent of schools, J. E. Warren, on the present condition of the schools. The committee is well satisfied with the work done, and is fully convinced that special supervision by one conversant with the advanced systems of education has been the great need of the schools of this town.

We most heartily endorse the work of our efficient superintendent, and urgently recommend every parent to know what is being done, by frequent visits to the school-room, and by securing constant attendance on the part of the children.

Our superintendent began his work last May, and it may be of interest for the citizens to know the actual expense he has been to the Town. For the nine months ending Feb. 1st, he has received \$194.67 of the \$270.00 appropriated at your last annual meeting for school supervision. The Town will receive from the state, for the same period of time, \$129.78, leaving \$64.89 as the actual amount expended by the Town for nine months' supervision, a very small amount for a great deal of labor, as a perusal of his report will show you.

Since last November the committee and superintendent have had monthly meetings, usually the afternoon of the third Wednesday of each month. At these meetings the superintendent has reported the condition of the schools and their wants, and any matter pertaining to the welfare of the schools has been discussed and acted upon.

This plan has been the means of systematizing and simplifying the work of the school board. The schools at the end of the present school year will have been in session thirty-five weeks, divided into terms of eleven, fourteen, and ten weeks each, with the exception of No. 9, which was closed at the end of the second term, and the pupils, six in number, placed in the Centre schools. This was thought advisable because of the small number of pupils in the district.

The school buildings, as a whole, are in good condition; school building No. 2 needs and probably will receive considerable attention during the coming year. The furnace in No. 1 building, during the summer, was repaired and partially renewed at a cost of about \$50, the closets connected with this building were thoroughly renovated and repaired, and the building, as a whole, now presents a creditable appearance. Building No. 7 was given a coat of paint outside and within.

Beside the incidental repairs, these are the only repairs made.

In school districts No. 5 and 6 there are young children living in the outskirts of the districts who, in the judgment of the committee, needed assistance in reaching school, so their transportation has been hired at an expense exceeding the appropriation. As the same conditions will exist in the coming year, we ask for an increase of the appropriation for that purpose.

It has been the policy of the committee to only assist those parents who were unable to carry their children.

We recommend for the coming year: For schools, \$2,800; for repairs on school buildings, \$300; for books and supplies, \$300; for conveyance of scholars, \$150; for the salary of the superintendent, \$260.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. SMITH,
R. K. CALDWELL,
NELLIE M. WOOD,

} *School*
} *Committee.*

Financial School Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 14, 1896.

Appropriations and Receipts.

In general,	\$2,800 00	
Repairs,	300 00	
Text-books and supplies,	300 00	
Conveyance,	100 00	
Superintendent,	270 00	
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Massachusetts School fund,	\$335 35	
Income surplus revenue,	60 00	
Dog fund,	151 15	
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		\$4,316 50

Expenditures.

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Eulalia B. Gardner, No. 1,	\$129 60
Alice Belden, No. 1,	246 50
Lucy Sanderson, No. 2,	203 50
Lucy Perry, No. 3,	187 50
Jennie Pierce, No. 9,	180 00
Nettie Evans, No. 7,	187 50
Lottie Evans, No. 4,	187 50
Minnie White, No. 6,	71 50
Lizzie Caldwell, No. 1,	110 00
Katherine Calaghan, No. 5,	143 00

Elizabeth Wassum, No. 1,	\$139 00
Irene Hackett, No. 1,	168 00
Rosella Barton, No. 6,	84 00
C. Blanche Whittum, No. 1,	36 00
T. H. Miner, music and drawing,	57 00
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	\$2,130 60
M. T. Moore, truant officer,	\$3 00
N. P. Wood, medical inspector No. 5,	3 00
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	\$6 00

Expended on Previous Account.

M. T. Moore, cleaning,	\$4 00
M. T. Moore, wood Nos. 2 and 3,	12 00
H. R. Crowell, supplies,	1 42
L. L. Pike, carrying scholars,	13 00
Minnie A. White, teaching No. 6,	71 50
Minnie A. White, care of house No. 6,	6 60
Minnie A. White, repairs, No. 6,	35
F. W. Doane, coal No. 1,	18 60
Alice Belden, teaching No. 1,	72 00
Eulalia Gardner, teaching No. 1,	96 00
Mrs. F. B. Caldwell, teaching No. 1,	90 00
S. S. Fisher, carrying scholars No. 5,	18 00
C. R. Pomeroy, care No. 1,	27 00
Lottie Evans, teaching No. 4,	67 50
Lester W. Darling, care No. 4,	4 50
— broom, for No. 4,	30
Nettie Evans, teaching No. 7,	67 50
Kate G. Mattoon, teaching No. 3,	67 50
Jennie S. Pierce, teaching No. 9,	67 50
Jennie S. Pierce, care No. 9,	3 60
Joseph Cosgrove, care No. 3,	3 50
Joseph Cosgrove, kindling wood No. 3,	1 00
— Kiernan, care No. 7,	4 65
Lucy Alexander, teaching No. 2,	72 00
Willie Alexander, care No. 2,	3 60
Thomas Quinlan, wood No. 1,	4 25

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Boston School Supply Co., books,	\$19 38
Otis Fisher, care No. 5,	2 75
H. R. Crowell, supplies No. 9,	53
L. L. Pike, carrying scholars No. 6,	19 80
R. K. Caldwell, supplies No. 7,	3 84
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	\$844 17

Books and Supplies.

Nettie Evans, broom, No. 7,	\$ 50
Boston School Supply Co., books,	34 54
George S. Perry & Co.,	38 19
J. L. Hammett,	2 61
J. L. Hammett,	4 65
American Book Co.,	15 96
American Crayon Co.,	1 44
Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	5 00
Prang Educational Co.,	11 82
Ginn & Co.,	102 23
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	44 60
Hildreth & Co.,	3 50
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	3 57
Lottie Evans, broom No. 7,	30
Newcomb Bros., broom,	1 25
American Express, C. Vt. Railroad, freight,	12 08
Allen Bros., flags and furnishings for Nos. 4-5-6,	18 85
George Callender, broom, No. 3,	25
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	\$301 34

Fuel.

F. W. Doane, coal and wood, No. 1,	\$67 50
George Stearns, wood, No. 6,	9 75
George Stearns, wood, No. 9,	16 25
Frank Piper, cutting wood, No. 6,	3 75
Ambrose Cosgrove, kindling, No. 3,	1 00
L. R. Smith, wood, No. 2,	16 00

William Merriman, wood, No. 3,	\$16 50
William Merriman, wood No. 4,	17 75
F. W. Doane, kindling wood, No. 2,	2 50
F. W. Doan, wood and coal, No. 1,	34 75
Clarence Stratton, cutting wood, No. 4,	2 19
George Field, cutting wood, No. 3,	2 06
James Greenwood, cutting wood, No. 7,	3 00
Clifford Holton, wood, No. 7,	3 50
C. R. Pomeroy, cutting wood, No. 1,	1 30
M. T. Moore, wood, No. 3,	2 25
F. B. Holton, cutting wood, No. 9,	8 15
C. I. Holton, wood, No. 7,	14 00
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	\$222 20

Repairs.

F. W. Piper, No. 6,	\$2 50
Thomas Quinlan, timber, No. 1,	9 80
William Moore, improvements, No. 1,	69 72
William Moore, painting, No. 1,	25 02
William Moore, repairs, No. 1,	4 50
S. S. Richardson, repairs, No. 4,	1 00
F. W. Piper, repairs No. 6,	1 40
John Galvin, repairs on furnace, No. 1,	46 22
W. C. Reed, mason work, No. 3,	5 00
George L. Fuller, painting, No. 7,	36 83
George L. Fuller, painting, No. 4,	2 25
Charles H. Webster & Co., paint for No. 7,	29 24
O. H. Doolittle, repairs No. 7,	75
H. W. Montague, repairs, No. 4,	75
F. G. Stearns, repairs, No. 3,	50
F. G. Stearns, repairs, No. 1,	1 00
F. G. Stearns, repairs No. 9,	1 50
Lottie Evans, bell rope, No. 7,	35
M. T. Moore, repairs, No. 3,	1 55
R. K. Caldwell, repairs, No. 7 and 4,	5 27
F. G. Stearns, repairs, No. 3,	2 00
Daniel Driscoll, repairs, No. 1,	1 00
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Conveyance.

S. L. Pike, carrying scholars to District No. 6,	\$58 00	
Wm C. Fellows, carrying scholars in District No. 5,	42 00	
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Care of School Buildings.

Berton Ware, cleaning No. 3,	\$3 50	
Frank Piper, cleaning No. 6,	2 00	
Jennie Pierce, cleaning and care No. 9,	5 30	
Browning & Hastings, care No. 4,	11 40	
Minnie A. White, care No. 6,	2 75	
C. R. Pomeroy, care No. 1,	28 00	
Ambrose Cosgrove, care No. 3,	6 30	
James Broderick, cleaning house and yard No. 1,	6 00	
C. R. Pomeroy, care No. 1,	42 00	
Willie Alexander, care No. 2,	9 85	
Michael Cosgrove, grading No. 3,	5 00	
Otis Fisher, care No. 5,	3 50	
James Greenwood, care No. 7,	3 00	
Walter Doolittle, care No. 7,	9 35	
M. T. Moore, care Nos. 1 and 2,	7 00	
Jennie Pierce, care No. 9,	3 90	
Geo. Callender, care No. 3,	1 75	
Rosella Barton, care No. 6,	2 25	
Walter Doolittle, care No. 7,	1 35	
J. E. Warren, cash items,	1 70	
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Recapitulation.

Appropriations and receipts,		\$4,316 50
Old bills paid,	\$844 17	
Paid teachers two terms,	2,130 60	
Fuel,	222 20	
Repairs on buildings,	248 15	
Care of buildings,	155 90	

Text-books and supplies,	\$301 34
Conveyance,	100 00
Superintendent,	194 67
Truant officer and medical inspector,	6 00
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	\$4,203 03
Expended on previous year's account,	844 17
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Expenses current year,	\$3,358 86
Due current year (estimated),	858 00
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	\$4,216 86

L. R. SMITH,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
N. M. WOOD,		
R. L. CALDWELL,		

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

I have the honor to submit herewith the first annual District Superintendent's report on the condition of the Public Schools of Northfield. In this report it may not be amiss to discuss briefly the duties of a superintendent, the extent to which these duties have been performed in the last nine months, and the results thus far obtained. The only power given the superintendent by the laws of Massachusetts is that of signing labor certificates.

All other powers exercised by him must be delegated by the courtesy and good sense of the school committee.

The most important duties connected with the management of the schools are:

1. Selection of teachers.
2. Direction and training of teachers.
3. Arrangement of the course of study.
4. Selection of books and supplies.
5. Promotion and grading of pupils.
6. Control of attendance.
7. General oversight of buildings and furnishings.

The superintendent should bring to the consideration of these questions a knowledge of the most approved educational theories and practices of the day, for, if our schools are to get abreast of the times and keep there, it must be by a close study of the most efficient school systems of the world, and an adapta-

tion of the best features of these systems to the local needs and conditions. His action, in all matters, must be in accordance with the vote of the committee. Although all the results of this work do not appear upon the surface at once, a brief discussion of these points will show, in some degree, what has been done.

SELECTION OF TEACHERS.

This is the most important function of the school authorities, for "The school is and ever must be what the teacher is. It is impossible to raise the school to a higher plane than that on which the teacher stands." Teaching, like law, medicine and theology, is a profession requiring special aptitude and special training.

This professional training can best be obtained in the state normal or city training schools, but it may be acquired by study and experience under competent supervision. But something more than a good general education, or even a professional training, must be required of the teacher, for we recognize her influence in the formation of character. Children must be taught to do right from inward promptings, from right motives rather than from the fear of punishment.

To do this and receive the respect of the community, the teacher must exhibit in her own person a dignity, self-control and devotion to duty which will make her an example and inspiration to all.

At the end of the spring term, Mrs. Lizzie M. Caldwell resigned, after several years' faithful and efficient work in the Center Grammar school. The other teachers who have resigned during the year are: Misses Eulalia B. Gardner, Irene Hackett, Elizabeth Wassum and Alice M. Belden, from the Center schools, and Miss Minnie A. White, from No. 6.

With one exception all the new teachers employed have been normal or training school graduates. It is only by paying salaries commensurate with the character of the teaching that we can retain the services of our successful teachers.

DIRECTION AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

Since May 7, 1895, I have made 200 visits to the schools of Northfield, varying from one to three hours in length. In these visits I have studied the needs of each school and teacher, and endeavored by suggestion, model lesson, assistance in organization and classification, and by general advice, both to make the conditions more favorable for good work and the teacher better able to take advantage of these improved conditions.

I have tried to reach and arouse the whole body of teachers in a number of meetings, at which subjects of educational value have been considered. Two of the meetings have been addressed by State Agent G. T. Fletcher, and one each by Supervisors Henry T. Bailey and James Hall. The results of these efforts to increase the efficiency of our teachers can be seen by any impartial observer in the improved work done in the schools.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Formerly children of from five to twelve years of age spent practically the whole time in elementary drill on the three "R's," combined with long pauses devoted to idleness and mischief.

Now, with a properly arranged course of study and a good daily programme, we try, by making a profitable use of every minute of the school day, to cultivate habits of industry in the pupils, to arouse their minds to activity, and at the same time furnish knowledge which will be of practical use to them in the common walks of life.

With these ends in view, the "Course of Studies for Elementary Schools," which was prepared under the direction of the State Board of Education, has, with some modifications, been used in our schools.

I also prepared a language course which, beginning with the entrance of the child into school, aims to accustom him to the correct and fluent use of English.

In this course much attention is given to the writing of letters, receipts, bills, advertisements, notices, telegrams, newspaper paragraphs and general composition work.

Technical grammar is reserved for the last two years of the course. I hope soon to present an outline for the study of history in all the grades of our schools.

Instruction in vocal music has been added to the curriculum. The encouraging progress made during the year leads me to hope that the benefits to be derived from the study will be extended to all the pupils in the town.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The average yearly cost per pupil for books and supplies in the state, since the passage of the free text book law, has been \$1.63. Northfield has expended \$1.33 per scholar in the last year. Fry's Advanced Geographies, Prince's Arithmetics, Montgomery's Histories, and a few Riverside Primers have been introduced with highly satisfactory results. The great need of our schools in the line of supplies is more varied and better reading matter, especially in the lower grades. Reading is the most important subject taught. It may be said to be the key to all other subjects. Books should be furnished which will supply interesting and valuable information on natural history, geography and history, or, such as will develop a taste for good literature. Children can be led, at an early age, to take pleasure in the writings of such authors as Longfellow, Whittier, Bryant, Holmes, Lowell and Irving.

PROMOTIONS.

The ability of pupils to perform more and better work should be the chief requirement for promotion from class to class, and for entrance into the High School. As this ability is better indicated by the average daily work than by the good or bad luck which may attend the pupil's efforts in a final examination, I would recommend that excellence in daily work be made the condition for promotion.

ATTENDANCE.

As the schools are still in session, it is impossible to give complete statistics of attendance.

There has been a steady gain in this respect during the year, but there is still room for improvement. Tardiness is tolerated by no employer, and is considered by society a breach of etiquette. It is not so much the five or ten minutes lost, but the bad habit which is being formed by the children which is to be regretted.

Parents ought also to realize more fully the importance of the child's constant attendance.

Frequent absence for trivial reasons retards the progress and lessens the interest of the pupil, the class and the school.

BUILDINGS AND FURNISHINGS.

During the year an effort has been made to better the sanitary conditions of the school buildings, and thus improve the moral as well as the physical environment of our children.

All of the school buildings need more and better blackboards. It is to be hoped that something may be done each year to supply this lack.

CONCLUSION.

I would urge that the parents exert themselves to visit the schools, that they may see what is being done for their children. The parents should talk freely with the teacher and superintendent, and there should be a bond of sympathy between them.

I should be pleased at any time to discuss school matters with those interested, and would be very grateful for suggestions in regard to improvements. It is only by working together that the best results are secured.

At this time I wish to thank the committee, parents, teachers and pupils for their hearty co-operation during the period I have worked with them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WARREN.

Library Report.

FOR THE YEAR CLOSING FEB. 14, 1896.

Number of volumes in library last report,		3,830
Number of volumes purchased past year,		130
Number of volumes presented past year,		53
	Total,	<u>4,013</u>
Number of families. patrons of library,	184	
Number of visitors. patrons of library,	5	
Number of volumes taken by families,		4,230
Number of volumes taken by public schools,		133
Number of volumes taken by visitors,		15
	Total,	<u>4,378</u>
Amount of fines collected,	\$8 37	
Amount of fees from visitors,	75	
	Total,	<u>\$9 12</u>
Paid for incidentals,		\$3 10
	Balance,	<u>\$6 02</u>
Uncollected fines,		95

LIBRARY COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To cash on hand last report,	\$27 69	
To appropriation for books,	100 00	
To appropriation for Librarian and incidentals,	75 00	
To appropriation for additional shelf room,	50 00	
To cash received from fines,	6 02	
	<u> </u>	\$258 71

LIBRARY REPORT.

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May 23.	Paid C. A. Nichols & Co., books,	\$30 00	
May 31.	Paid Library Bureau, labels,	75	
June 3.	Paid Clapp & Jones, covering-paper,	1 20	
June 5.	Paid express,	1 15	
June 15.	Paid express,	30	
July 5.	Paid W. M. Moore, materials and labor,	28 13	
July 7.	Paid express,	50	
July 8.	Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	113 47	
July 15.	Paid chair for library,	1 75	
Sept. 2.	Paid E. L. Hildreth & Co., catalogue supplements,	6 00	
Feb. 12.	Paid librarian's salary,	65 00	
Feb. 12.	By balance in hands of committee,	10 46	
		<hr/>	\$258 71

GEO. F. PIPER,	}	<i>Library Committee.</i>
R. C. WARD,		
N. P. WOOD,		

ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Overseers of Poor
and Assessors

— OF THE —

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

TOGETHER WITH

Reports of the School Committee, Library
Committee and Town Treasurer,

FOR THE

Year Ending February 10, 1897.

YARMOUTHPORT, MASS.:
FRED. HALLETT & CO., PRINTERS.
1897.

Report of the Selectmen.

To the Citizens of Northfield :

We herewith submit to you for your consideration, our report for the year ending February 10th, 1897. We have, in some instances, exceeded appropriations, for there has been, as in all previous years, unforeseen emergencies which we were obliged to meet ; but we make no excuses, for we think, as a whole, our financial situation very favorable. In the building of Pine street, we not only succeeded in awarding the contract for less than the appropriation, but have a better road than was expected.

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	Selectmen of Northfield.
CHARLES C. STEARNS,		
HENRY H. NASH,		

TOWN WARRANT.

March 1, 1897, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the various town officers.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 4. To vote by separate ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 5. To see if the town will accept as a public way, a street to be known as "Dickenson Street," as laid out by the Selectmen, Jan. 16, 1897, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the town will accept as a public way, a street to be known as "Glenwood Avenue," as laid out by the Selectmen, Jan. 16, 1897, and raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

Art. 7. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To see if the town will accept of the Jury List, as revised or act thereon.

Art. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount or interest on taxes, or act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be applied on the town debt.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars, towards the building of a suitable, graded sidewalk, six feet wide, on the west side of Highland Ave., between the street known as Holton St., and the Winchester road, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day or act thereon.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and improvement of the Cemeteries, and a Committee be chosen to expend the same, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairing Union Hall, or act thereon.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of land, to enlarge the Cemetery at the Centre, or act thereon.

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	Selectmen
CHARLES C. STEARNS,		of
HENRY H. NASH,		Northfield.

JURY LIST FOR 1897.

Jarius L. Hammond,
Edward B. Murdock,
Francis J. Stockbridge,
Charles C. Stearns,
Edward S. Bardwell,
Hiland R. Crowell,
Ambert G. Moody,
John H. Bolton,
Arthur W. Proctor,
Fred Z. Allen,
Sanford W. Weatherhead,
Clarence A. Randall,
Henry W. Montague,
Merrill T. Moore,
Elliot Q. Lyman,
Julius M. Clapp,

James Wall,
John H. Eames,
Alonzo A. Newton,
Charles L. Gilbert,
George W. Piper,
Rufus K. Caldwell,
Ernest C. Field,
D. Everett Lyman,
Clinton A. Ware,
Edward D. Newcomb,
Arthur S. Atwood,
Frank E. Aldrich,
George A. Stearns,
Frank B. Holton,
Fred C. Britton,
Zachariah H. Wade.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	\$815,939
" " personal estate,	92,979
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Total valuation May 1, 1896,	\$908,918
Number of polls,	506
" " persons assessed,	754
" " " " on property,	602
" " " " for poll tax only,	152
" " resident tax payers,	465
" " non-resident tax payers,	137
" " horses assessed,	522
" " cows " " "	726
" " sheep " " "	269
" " neat cattle " " "	268
" " swine, " " "	303
" " dwellings " " "	425
" " acres of land assessed,	19,742

ASSESSMENT FOR 1896.

State tax,	\$682 50
County tax,	1,426 32
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TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1896.

Schools in general,	\$2,800 00
repairs on buildings,	300 00
text books and supplies,	300 00
conveyance,	200 00
superintendent,	260 00
	<hr/> \$ 3,860 00

Contingent and support of Poor,	\$3,000 00	
Highways, general repair,	2,500 00	
Gravel for Main Street,	300 00	
Building road known as Pine Street,	600 00	
Cemeteries, in general,	175 00	
Cemetery at farms,	100 00	
Library,	200 00	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
Payment on town debt,	500 00	
Overlay,	412 94	
	—————	\$11,697 94
Raised on polls,	\$1,012 00	
“ “ personal estate,	1,317 74	
“ “ real estate,	11,577 02	
	—————	\$13,906 76
Taxes on each poll, \$2.00.		
Rate, per \$1,000, \$14.20.		

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	Assessors
CHARLES C. STEARNS,		of
HENRY H. NASH,		Northfield.

Report of the Overseers of Poor.

WORCESTER ASYLUM.

Care of Mary Pearson, to August 13, 1896,	\$104 93
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NORTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.

Care of Coleman C. Smith, to January 1, 1897,	169 92
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JOHN QUINLAN.

Northampton Hospital, care,	\$53 39
Massachusetts State Farm, care,	100 40
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	\$153 79

MASSACHUSETTS STATE FARM.

Care of Charles Parker, to January 1, 1897,	146 40
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MRS. ELECTA STRATTON, WESTBORO.

Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, care,	50 00
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MRS. GEORGE DOOLITTLE'S CHILDREN, BERNARDSTON.

Mrs. George Doolittle, care,	80 00
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A. H. RICHARDS, WINCHENDON.

Town of Winchendon, aid rendered,	
1895,	22 35
G. Q. A. Bryant, goods furnished,	54 07
B. Robinson & Son, goods furnished,	52 00
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	128 42

DWIGHT COOK, MONTAGUE.

Town of Montague, aid rendered to Jan. 1, 1897,	92 70
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WATSON FAMILY, WATERTOWN.

Town of Watertown, aid rendered to Jan. 1, 1897, \$ 81 78

MRS. MARY SMITH.

Ozro H. Doolittle, board and care,	35 00	
Ozro H. Doolittle, preparing for burial,	2 50	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	3 75	
H. E. Bond, casket,	15 50	
H. R. Crowell, telephone message,	30	
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JOHANNA DRISCOLL.

Ozro H. Doolittle, board and care,	132 50	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	5 50	
	<hr/>	138 00

MRS. MARY WATTON.

Mrs. Lucinda Hart, board and care,	38 86	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	1 25	
Atwood Bros., goods furnished,	2 00	
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CHARLES LORD.

F. V. Doolittle, board and care,	32 32	
Thos. F. Reed, board and care,	39 00	
Atwood Bros., goods furnished,	3 75	
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,	1 70	
H. R. Crowell, goods furnished,	1 00	
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GARDNER COLLIER.

C. C. Stearns, hay furnished,	2 40	
George C. Irish, meat, 1895,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5 40

ASA KENISTON.

George C. Irish, meat furnished, 1895, \$ 2 12

JONATHAN LYMAN,

Mrs. Thos. F. Reed, care, 14 50

GAD C. LYMAN.

C. H. Webster and Co., goods furnished, 80

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished, 2 25

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EMORY WHITE.

Atwood Bros., goods furnished, 3 00

TRAMP.

R. C. Ward, medical attendance, 2 50

C. C. Stearns, goods furnished, 50

————— 3 00

JOHN H. WISE.

William Strange, care, 34 00

N. P. Wood, medical attendance, 32 50

H. E. Bond, casket, 12 00

Rev. G. F. Piper, attendance, 5 00

————— 83 50

LOT MAY.

Solomon Caswell, house rent, 6 00

WILLIAM DALE.

W. J. Wright, Treas., weekly aid, 60 00

MRS. CHAUNCEY KIMPLIN.

J. W. Putney, house rent, (1894 to 1896,) 60 00

W. J. Wright, Treas, weekly aid, 57 00

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MRS. JAMES MATTOON.

W. J. Wright, Treas., weekly aid,	\$72 00
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MRS. ELLEN O'KEEFE.

W. J. Wright, treas., weekly aid,	55 00	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 50	
	<hr/>	57 50

MRS. LYDIA PACKARD AND CHILD.

Town of Orange, aid rendered,	51 45	
Atwood Bros., goods furnished,	60	
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		\$1,801 99

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By amount due from Thomas Quinlan,		
acct. John Quinlan,	\$201 14	
Amount due from Town of New Salem,		
acct. Emory White,	3 00	
Amount due from State of Mass.		
acct. John H. Wise,	88 50	
	<hr/>	\$292 64
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Total expense of poor,		\$1,509 35

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	Overseers of Poor of Northfield.
CHARLES C STEARNS,		
HENRY H. NASH,		

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

C. H. Green, services as selectman, 1895,	\$128 00
O. L. Leach, " " " 1895,	95 50
H. C. Holton, " " " '95,	\$100 50
sundry cash items,	11 95
painting at town hall,	2 50
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	\$114 95

L. R. Smith, services as school committee, 1895,	\$45 75
N. M. Wood, " " " " 1895,	51 73
R. K. Caldwell, " " " " 1895,	43 25
R. C. Ward, services as inspector, '95,	65 75
" " " " '96,	30 25
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	96 00
F. E. Heald, " " " " '95,	55 15
" " " " '96,	178 80
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	233 95
C. C. Stearns, services as auditor,	2 50
" " teller,	2 50
amount paid for wrappers,	12 00
stove for lockup,	1 50
sundry cash items,	31 94
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	50 44
N. D. Alexander, services as teller,	2 50
C. L. Robbins, " " " "	2 50
F. A. Hilliard, " " sexton,	4 00
H. H. Mason, " " " "	\$1 00
driving hearse,	27 00
return of deaths 1895,	6 00
" " " " 1896,	5 75
services as police officer,	5 00
care of hall, 1895,	52 50
" " " " 1896,	29 00
" " library, 1895,	4 00
" " " " 1896,	2 00
" " clock, 4 mos, '95,	5 00
" " " " 1896,	15 00
work in cellar, 1895,	14 11
" at hall, 1895,	3 00
expense collecting Wales	
bill,	1 00
cash paid for keys,	80
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	\$ 171 16

M. T. Moore, posting warrants,	\$ 6 00	
abatement of taxes, 1895,	74 66	
discount and abatement of		
taxes, 1896,	385 96	
	-----	\$ 466 62
John R. Casey, services as constable,	2 50	
officers' fees,	10 96	
care of tramps,	30 20	
	-----	43 66
E. C. Fowler, officers' fees,		16 10
W. M. Smead, " "		19 53
Fred C. Stearns' estate, care of clock, 8 mos.,		10 00
W. F. Flint, services as surveyor,		8 00
W. F. Nichols, " " "		2 25
T. R. Callender, " " registrar,		11 25
F. J. Stockbridge, " " "		11 25
C. A. Ware, " " "	\$11 25	
" " teller,	2 50	
	-----	13 75
E. J. Pratt, officers' fees,		12 07
W. J. Wright, services as clerk and		
treasurer,	\$206 65	
sundry cash items,	15 67	
	-----	222 32
H. H. Nash, sundry cash items,		2 50
Charles Pomeroy estate, abatement tax on		
Perry farm, 1895,	3 90	
Perry farm, 1896,	4 00	
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Dudley Johnson, abatement of tax on		
Perry farm 1896,		4 00
M. T. Moore, collector, abatement of		
taxes on Gorley property,		\$ 34 30

W. J. Wright, clerk, return of births,	\$ 5 75
E. A. Hall, advertising collector's sale,	22 00
George W. Southworth, Assessors' books,	3 65
Samuel Ward Co., order books,	5 00
Estes & Lauriat, town officers' books,	3 50
Henry M. Meek, marriage intention book,	2 50
R. W. Bemis & Co., tax collectors' books,	2 00
Gardner News Co., printing town reports,	38 00
printing valuation,	68 60
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	106 60
American Express Co., express charges,	8 65
C. T. Bagnall, stationery and printing,	13 65
F. Q. Webster, keys for town hall,	1 35
hardware for blinds for	
hall,	22 75
rope and blocks for	
derrick,	15 56
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	39 66
George Tyler & Co., parts for scraper,	26 60
A. W. Proctor, mdse. as per bill,	5 03
K. E. Nims, repairs on hearse,	2 10
J. W. Black, " " "	5 00
C. H. Webster & Co., mdse. as per bill,	6 28
William Gartsell, painting guide boards,	8 50
Charles O'Keefe, plumber's bill,	1 50
F. W. Doane, wood for Town Hall,	3 50
coal " " " "	19 25
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	22 75
A. F. Tyler, blinds for Town Hall,	58 91
Fred. H. Turner, hanging and oiling	
blinds,	50 00
painting at Town Hall,	3 25
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	\$ 53 25

Town of Gill, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense running Mor-		
gan's Ferry,		\$ 34 24
C. H. Webster, Justice Fees,	3 04	
Insurance on school hous-		
es,	129 00	
	-----	132 04
S. W. Weatherhead, error in assessment,		
1895,		3 81

		\$2,498 20

MILITARY AND STATE AID.

Charles X. Janes, military aid,	\$ 72 00
Daniel Burnham, state aid,	24 00
Thomas H. Hart, " "	48 00
Roswell Stratton, " "	48 00
William Strange, " "	48 00
Gardner Collier, " "	40 00

	\$280 00

CEMETERIES.

Amos Bigelow, labor,	\$22 00
Albert Clark, " "	1 50
Harvey Lamson, " "	4 00
S. K. Sawyer, " "	6 00
Arthur Mason, " "	3 56
Henry H. Mason, " "	16 61
Henry C. Holton, " "	2 00
B. R. Morrison, " "	2 00
Frank Harness, " "	3 00

	\$60 67

CEMETERY AT FARMS.

W. F. Flint, services as surveyor,	\$ 15 00	
F. B. Holton, stone posts,	10 00	
S. E. Minot, " "	2 10	
H. D. Field, drawing posts,	5 00	
Turner's Falls Co., lumber,	20 27	
Weatherhead & Darling, labor on pickets,	14 00	
F. Q. Webster, iron for fence,	3 79	
H. H. Nash, lumber for pickets,	\$7 00	
nails,	45	
labor,	21 90	
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Wallace Morgan, labor,	5 55	
Oren Darling, "	4 80	
S. W. Weatherhead, "	4 35	
F. W. Hilliard, "	3 00	
Arad Shatton, "	3 75	
Green & Leach, lumber,	23 53	
A. W. Proctor, paint,	26 51	
Fred H. Turner, painting,	20 30	
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HOUSE FOR LOT MAY.

Oscar Wood, building,		\$ 50 00
H. H. Nash, am't paid for land, deeds,		
etc.,	15 00	
am't paid for planing,	1 68	
lath, nails and labor,	21 65	
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E. C. Nash, shingles,	5 06	
labor,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 6 56

F. Q. Webster, mdse. per bill,	\$ 5 70
Green & Leach, lumber,	18 69
C. A. Moulton, lumber and nails,	20 98
E. C. Field, window frames and lime,	3 25
M. H. Alkins. sheet lead,	69
H. C. Alexander, laying brick,	11 37
A. N. Lawson, labor,	7 00
John Carroll, “	9 25
Ernest Gaines. “	5 25
Charles Whitaker, “	10 50
L. C. Miller, “	8 15
Ed. Stratton, “	3 75
Frank Montague, “	2 78
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	\$202 25

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

C. R. Pomeroy, labor,	\$ 2 78
Wright Arlin, “	1 50
Byron Gillette, “	6 00
Will Grace, “	6 30
O. S. Davis, “	7 00
Charles Gillette, “	5 25
George Slate, “	12 00
Charles Slate, “	13 50
Charles Mack, “	15 30
John Grace, “	21 45
H. C. Holton, “	30 60
John R. Casey, “	42 00
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	163 68

MATERIAL.

H. R. Crowell, seed,	\$2 55
A. W. Proctor, seed, etc.,	8 49
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	\$174 72

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By amount received from J. M. Clapp, Pres't,	\$150 00
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	\$24 72

There is one bill for labor that has not been paid, and therefore is not included in the above.

Highways.

Henry H. Mason, labor,		\$ 50
C. J. LeCompte,	labor, 1895,	3 00
Frank B. Holton, 2d,	“	2 10
N. G. Hilliard,	“ 1894,	90
John P. Holton,	“	5 77
Eugene L. Abel,	“	2 25
Hiram Johnson,	“	1 50
Frank Whithead,	“	1 20
Gardner Collier,	“	5 30
Leon W. Pratt,	“	1 50
Byron Gillette,	“	17 55
W. Wheelock,	“	2 20
Isaac Murdock,	“	3 90
George Murdock,	“	3 80
C. Wheeler,	“	1 50
H. Shepardson,	“	1 35
C. Stimpson,	“	3 00
Frank Harness,	“	3 00
Ansel Collier,	“	6 94
H. W. Cummings,	“	12 46
W. E. Piper,	“	5 78
F. W. Piper,	“	3 15
J. E. Ross,	“	8 52
J. A. Ross,	“	5 86
George W. Piper,	“	\$39 18

J. A. Holland,	“	\$43 23
F. G. Phelps,	“	21 34
F. B. Streeter,	“	1 75
John Carroll,	“	10 87
Ozro D. Adams,	“	11 70
Ernest Gaines,	“	5 08
H. W. Montague,	“	2 95
W. W. Ross,	“	5 93
F. G. Morgan,	“	4 50
M. S. Stearns,	“	1 05
F. A. Hilliard,	“	3 85
J. L. Hammond and man,	“	152 03
Daniel Driscoll,	“	3 75
Charles Slate,	“	7 50
Oscar E. Slate,	“	4 50
A. J. Arlin,	“	3 75
George Slate,	“	75
Fostene Bigelow,	“	3 75
J. H. Robbins,	“	5 25
Charles Mack,	“	21 97
Jason Bump,	“	11 70
John Dale,	“	14 50
O. S. Davis,	“	8 05
Charles Slate,	“	3 00
Wright Arlin,	“	15 37
John H. Dalton,	“	11 13
Lewis Fowler,	“	3 75
William H. Dale,	“	6 00
John R. Casey,	“	290 53
George A. Stearns,	“	19 25
H. D. Field,	“	293 00
E. C. Rugg,	“	5 00
Jas. P. Campbell,	“	13 95
C. P. Britton,	“	\$135 23

C. R. Pomeroy,	“	\$ 29 60
John Grace,	“	21 00
A. A. Long,	“ (1893)	2 50
Seminary,	“	94 65
Daniel O’Keefe,	“	1 50
George Cummings,	“	1 35
Albert Clark,	“	1 50
Amos Bigelow,	“	3 60
L. O. Clapp,	“	88
Frank King,	“	60
Neal Anderson,	“	1 05
Will Leonard,	“	4 87
Frank B. Holton,	“	8 75
P. W. Preston,	“	11 37
D. L. Preston,	“	11 37
William Strange,	“	3 75
William Bain,	“	10 20
Charles Strange,	“	4 87
Sherman,	“	3 00
E. W. Smith,	“	2 62
C. Q. Holton,	“	76 17
H. C. Holton and man,	“	71 80
Charles Parker,	“	4 00
		<hr/> \$1,659 17

MATERIAL.

J. S. DeFord, labor and material,	\$1 10
E. L. Hammond, “ “ “	1 00
J. W. Black, “ “ “	6 00
K. E. Nims, “ “ “	2 15
C. H. Webster & Co., nails,	21
A. W. Proctor, nails and powder,	1 60
Atwood Bros., rake,	31
Green & Severance, cement,	\$ 2 25

H. C. Holton, guide posts,	\$ 1 00
C. P. Britton, powder and nails,	1 35
George W. Piper, powder,	65
F. Q. Webster, shovels and picks,	3 58
A. T. Pierson, drain tile,	10 40
George Goodrich, " "	27 51
Sumner Stratton, railings,	2 50
W. W. Ross, railings and posts,	1 40
George Murdock, railings,	9 00
George A. Stearns, railings and stringers,	2 75
Frank Field, stringers,	1 00
George F. Alexander, stringers,	2 00
C. C. Stearns, " "	1 40
J. L. Hammond, posts and plank,	1 00
C. P. Britton, plank,	34 72
Green & Leach, " "	30 90
Ansel Coller, " "	12 75
George Stearns, " "	3 00
Baxter Burrows, " "	9 38
J. A. Holland, " "	1 62
William Bain, " "	92
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	\$173 45
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	\$1,832 62

WATER RENTS.

M. E. Dickenson, 1895-6,	10 00
J. A. Ross, 1895-6,	6 00
Northfield Aqueduct Co., 1896,	10 00
E. W. Smith, 1896,	5 00
W. N. Smith, 1896,	5 00
E. C. Field, 1896,	5 00
Julia A. Webster, 1896,	3 00
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	\$44 00

CULVERT AT WARD'S GULCH.

W. W. Ross, labor,	\$ 3 00	
E. E. Howes, “	3 00	
F. W. Hilliard, “	4 50	
Ernest Gaines, “	10 50	
Frank Lamson, “	10 50	
C. M. Sprague, “	12 07	
E. C. Rugg, “	17 50	
L. C. Miller, “	19 80	
H. D. Field, “	22 50	
J. L. Hammond and man, labor,	35 79	
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MATERIAL.

J. F. Allen, stone,	7 00	
L. C. Miller, stone and dirt,	15 20	
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		161 36

GRAVEL MAIN STREET.

James P. Campbell, labor,	\$8 25	
James Campbell, “	6 00	
Thos. L. Campbell, “	4 50	
Lewis Fowler, “	2 25	
C. R. Pomeroy, “	9 30	
Albert Clark, “	8 10	
George Cummings, “	2 70	
Amos. Bigelow, “ team,	1 92	
George Stearns, “ “	1 22	
J. W. Cowles, “ “	10 63	
W. H. Doolittle, “ “	19 05	
James Wall, “ “	23 47	
H. C. Holton, “ “	\$ 27 50	

F. E. Aldrich,	“	“	\$ 28 94	
O. S. Davis,	“	“	24 42	
F. W. Doane,	“	“	35 30	
Neal Anderson,	“	“	36 05	
G. R. Clough,	“	“	52 66	
R. E. Long,	“	“	54 80	
John Dalton,	“	“	39 16	
C. P. Britton,	“	“	64 16	
H. D. Field,	“	“	66 22	
J. R. Casey and man,	“	“	79 82	
			<hr/>	\$606 42

CR.

By amount received from D. L. Moody,	\$100 00
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	\$506 42

Selectmen's Financial Report.

DR.

Outstanding orders at last settlement,	\$5 44	
Orders issued on Town Treas., since Feb 10, 1896,	21,927 92	
		<hr/> \$21,933 36

CR.

Paid for Poor,	\$1,801 99	
Contingent,	2,498 20	
Schools,	3,964 64	
Highways,	1,832 62	
Cemeteries,	60 67	
Cemetery at Farms,	191 30	
Gravel on Main street,	606 42	
Culvert at Ward's gulch,	161 36	
Water rents,	44 00	
House for Lot May,	202 25	
Village Improvement Society,	174 72	
Military and State aid,	280 00	
Building Pine street,	525 00	
Building boat for Munn's ferry,	280 00	
Library appropriation,	200 00	
Memorial Day appropriation,	50 00	
State tax,	682 50	
County tax,	1,426 32	
Interest on town debt,	116 48	
Payment on town debt,	500 00	
Temporary loans,	6,200 00	
Outstanding orders 1893, not paid,	5 44	
		<hr/> \$21,933 36

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	Selectmen of Northfield.
CHARLES C. STEARNS,		
HENRY H. NASH,		

Treasurer's Report.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH W. J. WRIGHT.

	DR.	CR.
By balance from previous year's acct.,		\$1,466 94
“ cash from H. H. Mason, acc't		
Town Hall,		85 00
“ “ “ A. Pierson, account		
Mary Pierson,		85 53
“ “ “ Franklin Co. Nat'l		
Bank, acc't loans,		7,566 06
“ “ “ M. T. Moore, collec-		
tor, acc't 1895 tax,		2,377 00
“ “ “ County Treas'r, ac-		
count boundston's,		36 00
“ “ “ A. W. Adams, auc-		
tioneer's license,		2 00
“ “ “ State Treasurer, ac-		
count inspection of		
cattle,		89 08
“ “ “ Town of Gill, acc't		
Ferry Boat,		140 00
“ “ “ F. E. Stimpson, ac-		
count billiard ta-		
ble license,		\$ 2 00

By Cash from C. C. Stearns, ac-		
count butcher's li-		
censes, (Irish,		
Young, Murdock,)		\$ 3 00
.. " " N. M. Wood, acc't		
tuition,		52 50
" " " L. R. Smith, acc't		
Supt. schools,		173 00
" " " H. H. Nash, acc't of		
hall, at Farms,		7 00
" " " C. C. Young, auc-		
tioneer's license,		2 00
" " " N. M. Wood, ac-		
count tuition,		3 15
" " " Village Improve-		
ment Society, ac-		
count Main St.,		150 00
" " " State Treas'r, acc't		
Corporation tax,		1,407 64
" " " State Treas'r, acc't		
Nat'l Bank Tax,		255 11
" " " State Treas'r, acc't		
Military Aid,		36 00
" " " State Treas'r, acc't		
State Aid,		164 00
" " " Mrs. D. L. Moody,		
acc't Main St.,		100 00
" " " County Treas'r, acc't		
dogs,		203 26
" " " Wm. S. Allen, acc't		
finer,		24 81
" " " State Treas'r, acc't		
Mass. school fund,		\$362 57

To Paid Selectmen's Orders,	\$21,927 92	
By cash from H. H. Chamberlain,		
rent of derrick,		27 02
“ “ “ John Eames, auc-		
tioneer's license,		2 00
“ “ interest surplus reve-		
nue,		109 37
“ “ “ M. T. Moore, col-		
lector, acc't 1896		
tax,	10,550 00	
“ “ “ M. T. Moore, col-		
lector, acc't 1894		
tax,		76 60
“ “ “ H. H. Mason, rent of		
Town Hall,		54 00
“ “ “ L. R. Smith, acc't		
tuition and sup-		
plies,		3 43
To balance,	3,688 15	
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	\$25,616 07	\$25,616 07

W. J. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 10, 1897.

Financial Condition of the Town, February 10, 1897.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$2,100 00
Franklin County National Bank, Temporary Loan,	1,500 00
Henry C. Holton, Selectman,	112 50
Henry C. Holton, Commissioner,	59 37
Charles C. Stearns, Selectman,	138 75
Henry H. Nash, Selectman,	71 00
L. R. Smith, School Committee,	12 00
N. M. Wood, " "	18 50
E. S. Bardwell, " "	8 15
Outstanding Orders, 1893,	5 44
	----- \$4,025 71

ASSETS.

Due from M. T. Moore, Collector acct.	
1894 tax,	52 49
Due from M. T. Moore, Collector acct.	
1895 tax,	405 20
Due from M. T. Moore, " "	
1896 tax,	3,361 47
" " Thomas Quinlan acct. John Quinlan,	201 14

Due from Town of New Salem acct.

Emory White, \$ 3 00

“ “ State of Mass. acct. John

H. Wise, 88 50

Cash in Town Treasury, 3,688 15

————— \$7,799 95

Balance in favor of the town,

————— \$3,774 24

HENRY C. HOLTON,
CHARLES C. STEARNS,
HENRY H. NASH,

}

Selectmen
of
Northfield.

REPORT OF THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Feb. 14, 1896,	\$1,062 06	
Interest to January 1, 1897,	64 98	
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Drawn from bank January 5, 1897, and paid out as follows :		
Mary and Fanny Field,	\$10 00	
Mrs. Hannah Stevens,	10 00	
Hattie and Emma Hilliard,	5 00	
Mrs. Amelia Marsh,	5 00	
Charles Briggs,	5 00	
Gad Lyman,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 00
Balance in bank,		<hr/>
		\$1,087 04

HENRY C. HOLTON,	} Overseers of the Poor.
CHARLES C. STEARNS,	
HENRY H. NASH,	

Report of School Committee

In presenting the annual report of the schools of Northfield, we respectfully refer the citizens to the report of the Superintendent, which gives the condition of the schools at the present time.

The Committee are well satisfied with the work done by him, and heartily endorse all measures he has taken to promote the well-being of the schools.

The Committee are convinced that in order to keep in the line of progress with the other towns of the State, the schools of Northfield must continue in the hands of a supervisor. Statistics show that supervision extends to-day over 94 per cent. of the population of the State. Governor Wolcott in his inaugural address says : "A policy so overwhelmingly endorsed by public sentiment, may well be made universal and permanent."

Committee meetings have been held at regular intervals during the year, at which times reports have been given by the Superintendent, and all subjects pertaining to the schools fully discussed and acted upon.

The school buildings are in good condition. Besides the incidental repairs, school-house No. 1 has been renovated, the walls and ceilings kalsomined, the wood work rubbed and oiled, and the iron frames jappanned.

School-house No. 2 has been painted and the shed repaired, while the interior of school-house No. 4 has been papered and painted, and the desks treated in the same

manner as in No. 1. Next year some of the buildings will need painting and other repairs are contemplated by the Committee, which will call for the usual appropriation.

It has been the policy of your Committee in years past, to only assist in transportation those pupils who could not otherwise reach school. The demands for transportation are increasing, and unless the voters choose to increase the appropriations, the old policy must be strictly adhered to.

Schools No. 5 and No. 9 have been open only a portion of the year, because of the small number of pupils in attendance, and the great expense to the town in running small schools. A glance at the tables prepared by your Superintendent will show you that while the expense in No. 5 has been 96 cents per week for each pupil, in No. 1 it has been $41\frac{1}{2}$ cents per week, and in No. 2, 34 cents per week.

CALENDAR FOR 1897-98.

Spring term, 12 weeks, begins March 29th, closes June 18th.

Fall term. 12 weeks, begins Aug. 30th, closes Nov. 19th.

Winter term, 12 weeks, begins Nov. 29th, closes Feb. 25th,
with a recess from Dec. 24th to January 3d.

We recommend for the coming year :

For schools,	\$2,800 00
For books and supplies,	300 00
For conveyance of pupils,	300 00
For the salary of Superintendent,	260 00

L. R. SMITH,
NELLIE M. WOOD,
E. S. BARDWELL,

Committee.

Financial School Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 1897.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2,800 00
Repairs,	300 00
Text-books and supplies,	300 00
Conveyance,	200 00
Superintendent,	260 00
Massachusetts school fund,	362 57
Income surplus revenue,	109 37
Dog fund,	203 26
State aid for supervision,	173 00
Received for tuition,	57 15
Sale of supplies,	33
Jennie Pierce (over paid)	1 60
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	\$4,767 28

SALARIES OF TEACHERS.

Miss Lucy Sanderson,	\$290 00
C. Blanche Whiltum,	139 20
I. H. Miner,	44 00
Miss Lucy Perry,	172 50
Miss Anna Thompson,	248 00
Miss Jennie Pierce,	96 00
Miss Alice Piper,	66 00
Miss Lottie Evans,	170 50

Miss Nettie Evans,	\$ 82 50
Miss Aida Nolan,	66 00
Miss Edna White,	172 00
Miss Anna Palmer,	70 00
Miss Grace Lindsey,	216 00
Miss Jessie Stone,	84 00
Miss Lucy L. Brown,	84 00
Miss Carrie Russell,	84 00
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	\$2,084 70

SUPPLIES.

C. H. Webster,	\$ 4 26,
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	35 15
Prang Educational Co.,	16 77
Geo. S. Perry,	37 46
J. L. Hammett Co.,	11 40
King, Richardson Co.,	78 38
American Book Co.,	10 08
The Werner Book Co.,	2 88
Educational Publishing Co.,	8 82
J. E. Warren, supplies,	5 00
Ginn & Co.,	39 46
American Crayon Co.,	1 50
Ginn & Co.,	2 00
Joseph C. Godfrey,	3 12
D. C. Heath & Co.,	20 93
Express and freight,	8 66
J. E. Warren, cash items,	3 32
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	\$289 19

FUEL.

W. W. Merriman, wood No. 5,	\$ 9 00
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B. C. Ware, cutting wood No. 3,	\$ 3 37
W. W. Merriman, " " 4,	13 00
" " " " " 3,	13 50
Wm. C. Fellows, " " 2,	11 82
F. W. Doane, " " 2,	3 50
" " " " 1,	3 50
" " coal " 1,	12 50
" " wood " 3,	2 50
Browning & Hastings, cutting wood, No. 4,	4 15
A. W. Ross, cutting wood, No. 6,	3 12
Willie Alexander, cutting wood, No. 2,	50
Clarence Moody, cutting wood, No. 2,	3 00
F. W. Doane, wood,	2 50
Geo. Stearns, wood No. 1,	3 25
C. I. Holton, wood " 7,	17 75
F. W. Doane, coal " 1,	67 50
F. B. Holton, wood " 7,	22 75
Ned E. Whitney, cutting wood,	1 50
J. A. Ross, wood No. 6,	7 50
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	\$206 21

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

C. R. Pomeroy, cleaning No. 1,	\$5 25
B. C. Ware, " " 3,	3 50
Mrs. F. B. Holton, " " 7,	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Piper, " " 6,	2 00
Leon Hastings, care " 4,	4 40
Charles Pomeroy, " " 1,	35 00
Willie Alexander, " " 2,	4 20
Aida Nolan, " " 5,	3 30
Mrs. Martha Richardson, cleaning No. 4,	3 50
Willie Alexander, " " 2,	2 00
Jessie Stone, care " 5,	2 75
Charles Pomeroy, " " 1,	31 00
Lucy L. Brown, " " 6,	2 75
Carrie Russell, " " 3,	3 50

Charles Pomeroy, care	" 1,	9 00
Leon Hastings, "	" 4,	5 50
Willie Alexander, "	" 2,	4 90
Alice Piper, "	" 6,	2 75
Lucy Perry, "	" 3,	1 75
Lucy L. Brown, "	" 6,	75
Jessie Stone, "	" 5,	75
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		\$133 55

REPAIRS.

C. A. Reed, No. 1,	\$ 3 00
O. H. Doolittle, No. 7,	20 07
Geo. Holton, No. 2,	26 37
Wm. Moore, No. 1 & 3,	10 40
L. H. Layelle, painting No. 2,	15 00
Fred Turner, repairs No. 1,	37 50
L. H. Layelle, repairs No. 4,	20 00
A. W. Proctor, paint,	22 15
Newcomb Bros., brooms, No. 1 & 2,	3 00
Frank Piper, No. 6,	1 50
A. W. Proctor, No. 1,	76
L. H. Layelle, " 4,	2 25
H. R. Crowell, " 2,	6 32
Fred Turner, " 1,	2 50
C. R. Pomeroy, " 1,	4 63
Henry Russell, " 3,	85
Frank Stevens, " 1,	4 50
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	\$180 80

CONVEYANCE.

S. L. Pike, carrying scholars in District 6,	\$63 00
Mrs. Hatstat, carrying scholars in District 9,	15 00
Geo. Abbott, carrying scholars in District 9,	15 00
Wm. C. Fellows, carrying scholars in District 5,	22 00
Chas. Parker, ferrages,	2 77
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	\$117 77

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT.

Alice Belden,	\$18 00	
Elizabeth Wasseem,	16 00	
Katherine Callaghan,	63 80	
Lucy Sanderson,	81 00	
Rosella Barton,	60 00	
Minnie Kernan,	8 10	
Jennie Pierce,	47 00	
Lucy Perry,	75 00	
C. Blanche Whiltum,	84 00	
Miss Burke,	36 00	
Nettie Evans,	75 00	
Lottie Evans,	75 00	
I. H. Miner,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$653 90
S. S. Fisher, wood, No. 5,	4 00	
F. W. Doane, coal, " 1,	12 70	
" " " wood, " 2,	3 50	
C. R. Nelson, " " 7,	2 13	
	<hr/>	\$22 33
S. L. Pike, carrying scholars,	9 00	
" " " " " "	9 00	
Wm. C. Fellows, carrying scholars,	18 00	
Sanford Weatherhead,	12 00	
F. E. Stimpson, Miner's bill,	10 00	
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Willie Alexander, care No. 2,	4 00	
Lester Darling, " " 4,	5 25	
C. Pomeroy, labor and care, No. 1,	32 50	
Fred. W. Ross, care, No. 6,	4 55	
J. H. Ewers, " " 3,	7 00	
James Greenwood, No. 7,	7 50	
Fred. Stearns, repairs No. 3,	2 60	
	<hr/>	63 40
J. E. Warren, Superintendent,		21 63
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		\$819 26

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,	\$4,767 28	
Old bills paid,	819 26	
Paid teachers,	2,084 70	
Miss Edna White,	7 00	
Fuel,	206 21	
Repairs on buildings,	180 80	
Care of buildings,	133 55	
Text-books and supplies,	289 19	
Superintendent,	237 93	
N. P. Wood, medical inspector,	6 00	
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	\$3,964 64	
Expended on previous year's account,	819 26	
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Expenses current year,	\$3,145 38	
Due " " (estimated)	1,087 13	
	<hr/>	\$4,232 51
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Balance unexpended appropriation,		\$534 77

L. R. SMITH,
 NELLIE M. WOOD,
 E. S. BARDWELL,

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee :

The second annual report of the Superintendent of schools is hereby respectfully submitted :

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of town, census 1895,	\$1,857
Number of children between five and fifteen years, school census 1896,	222
Number of pupils enrolled during the year,	281
“ “ “ “ between eight and fourteen,	192
“ “ “ “ over fifteen years of age,	25
“ “ “ “ under five years of age,	0
Average membership,	200
Average attendance,	181
Per cent. of attendance,	90.5
Visits by Superintendent,	157
Visits by parents,	84

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

School.	TEACHER.	Weeks Taught.	Pupils Enrolled,	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Times Visited by Superintendent.	Times Visited by Parents.	Cost of Teaching, Care, Fuel, and Transportation.	Cost per Pupil.
High }	C. Blanche Whittum	12	23	25.79	23.5	91	18	3	\$1,360.05	\$15.25
	Grace E. Lindsey	24								
	Lucy W. Sanderson	12	37	33.6	31.5	94	21	15		
Gram.	Edna L. White	24								
Prim.	Jennie Pierce	12	44	30.	27.3	91	18	4		
	Lucy W. Sanderson	24	52	31.	27.	87	17	21	377.92	12.19
2	Anna L. Thompson	36								
	Lucy S. Perry	12								
3	Carrie R. Russell	14	27	14.97	13.82	93	17	2	264.37	17.66
	Jessie A. Stone	10								
4	Lottie E. Evans	35	34	26.17	23.13	88	16	15	326.40	12.47
5	Ada Nolan	11	12	8.	6.5	81	10		192.00	24.00
	Jessie A. Stone	14								
6	M. Alice Piper	11	14	9.4	8.9	95	19	13	312.62	33.23
	Lucy Ladd Brown	24								
	Nettie E. Evans	11	33	21.3	20.04	94	16	11	292.25	13.72
7	Lucy S. Perry	24								
9	Carrie R. Russell	10	5							

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are the names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy. The figure at the right of the name indicates the number of terms.

No. 1.		No. 2.	
Fanny Green,	1	Everett E. Holton,	1
Paul Brigham,	1	Fred. A. Newton,	2
George Mason,	2	Waldo H. Stebbins,	1
Winnie Simonds,	1	Ethel M. Braman,	1
Mary Broderick,	2	Daisy E. Crowell,	1
Mary Dale,	2	Nellie J. Starr,	2
David Dale,	2	Elsie E. Newton,	1
Mary Casey,	1	Grace L. Young,	1
Willie Dale,	1	Florence E. Young,	1
Madeline Beaman,	2	No. 3.	
Harry King,	1	Adella Howes,	1
Ada Tufts,	1	Everett Kenfield,	1
Kate Lamson,	1	No. 4.	
George Mason,	1	Mary B. Leach,	4
Raymond Mason,	1	Lucy B. Browning,	5
Annie Merriman,	1	Alice C. Nash,	1
Ernest Warren,	1	Elsie M. Banks,	1
Robert Wood,	1	Bessie L. Hammond,	2
		Homer F. Browning,	
		Henry W. Holton,	2
		James L. Browning,	1
		Raymond M. Hastings,	1
		Murray M. Hammond,	1
		Don H. Sprague,	1
		No. 6.	
		Addie Wallelt,	2
		Ector F. Wallelt,	1
		Amy Dresser,	1
		Ethel Dresser,	1
		No. 7.	
		Charles T. Howe,	1

PROGRESS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Good progress has been made in nearly all lines of school work during the year.

Frye's Complete Geographies have been introduced into some of the schools. These text-books with their radical departure from old methods of teaching geography have proved of decided advantage. I hope that in the coming year all the schools will be provided with them.

I believe that reading and number have been better taught than heretofore.

The drawing was directed in the spring term by Mr. James Hall, now special instructor in Springfield, and in the fall and winter terms by Mr. Walter Sargent. Good work has been done in some schools. I hope for still greater improvement in this important branch of work in the near future.

Vocal music has been continued with marked success under the efficient direction of the special instructor, Miss Annie H. Palmer. She visits each school weekly, gives a lesson, and outlines the work for the regular teacher to carry on during the week. The children are not only being taught to sing many songs in a very creditable manner, but they are learning to read at sight and to understand the principles of music. A careful observer of our schools can clearly see the refining influence of the music upon the individual pupils, its good effect upon the discipline of the schools, and as a result of this better spirit, that more effective teaching is being done in other directions.

The Normal System of vertical writing is now being used in all but two of our schools. The teachers are working faithfully to make this change a success. I hope for good results. It is said to be so easy to learn that there are no poor writers in the vertical script. Experience has proved beyond a doubt that vertical writing is more legible, more hygienic, more easily learned, and more rapid than the slant hand. The wisdom of its introduction is still more apparent when the fact is considered that vertical writing is now required of the employees in nearly all city, county, state and national government offices, and by most large business

houses.

As, in addition to these improvements, the school year has been lengthened to thirty-six weeks, and there still remains a large unexpended balance, it is evident that the school committee have managed the finances of their department with an economy and fidelity that merit the hearty approval of all.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.

Almost without exception our teachers are good disciplinarians. I do not mean that they always discipline to the entire satisfaction of all pupils and parents. While each teacher tries to be perfectly just and impartial, it is hard to make people believe it, if their own children happen to be the ones disciplined.

In most cases good order is secured, not by intimidation or force, but the pupils are led to see what is right and to yield a ready and willing obedience to necessary restrictions. This is moral training of the highest value. It is one of the most important lessons a pupil can learn. Civilization and society are constantly demanding that individual rights and privileges shall be sacrificed for public good. The earlier this lesson is learned by the individual child the better. By our methods of discipline and teaching we try to inculcate those principles that underlie right living, self-government, and tend to fit one to become a law-abiding citizen in a free country. With a large majority of the pupils, we are, in a measure, successful, but I am sorry to say that there are cases, all too numerous, where, in spite of all efforts to the contrary, selfishness, rudeness and an utter lack of consideration for the rights of others seem to be the ruling impulses of the child as soon as he is free from the restraint of the school-room. The teacher should not be blamed that such is the case. She has done the best she could for the child, but it must be confessed that street and home influences are more powerful, in many cases at least, than is the influence of the teacher. If the home influence is right in all respects this, strengthened by the influence of the true teacher, will usually be sufficient to properly regulate the conduct of the child in all places.

I have written in this way because of several complaints that have come to me of the rudeness and insolence of school children on the streets before and after school. Windows have been broken, and in some cases people have been insulted. Again I say that the teacher should not be held wholly responsible for such things. She may have to do police duty in and around the school building, but surely we do not hire her to patrol the streets, or to watch the school building when school is not in session.

We will do the best we can in the schools to remedy these evils, but the people and civil authorities must co-operate with us in some very decided and forcible way, before we can wholly prevent the recurrence of the disorderly acts. I trust that such a hearty co-operation of all right forces may be brought about as shall enable us to overcome these undesirable tendencies on the part of some of our thoughtless young people.

ATTENDANCE.

As the schools are still in session, it is impossible to give complete statistics for the winter term. The record for spring and fall terms show a decided gain in the per cent. of attendance. This is very encouraging, for the children must be in the schools if they are to get any benefit from them.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

A number of teachers' meetings have been held, at which the teachers have listened to addresses by State Agents G. T. Fletcher, Henry T. Bailey, James Hall, Dr. N. P. Wood and your superintendent. These meetings have been productive of much good to our schools.

CONCLUSION:

In closing, permit me to thank the committee for their hearty sympathy and co-operation, the teachers for their faithfulness, and the public for their interest and encouragement. I would urge all interested to visit the schools frequently and to freely advise with us as to ways and means for promoting the cause of education in the town.

Respectfully, J. E. WARREN.

Report of Trustees of Public Library.

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To cash on hand last report,	\$10 96
“ appropriation by the town,	200 00
“ cash received from librarian,	13 47
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	\$224 43

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1896.

Apr. 11, paid for table,	\$3 00
14, “ express,	65
23, “ for paper,	1 40
May 11, “ “ “Famous Men and Women,”	4 00
June 12, “ express,	1 50
19, “ “ Mass. year book,	1 50
20, “ express,	25
22, “ DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books,	115 46
27, “ express,	15
July 8, “ Clapp & Jones, paper,	1 50
Aug. 17, “ E. L. Hildreth & Co., printing,	5 50
Nov. 17, “ W. H. White, binding,	5 20
1897.	
Feb. 13, “ Librarian's salary,	65 00
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	\$205 11

Feb. 13, balance in hands of the trustees,	\$19 32
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GEORGE F. PIPER,
N. P. WOOD,
R. C. WARD,

Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR CLOSING, FEB. 13, 1897.

Number of volumes in library last report,		\$4,013
Number of volumes purchased past year,		118
Number of volumes presented past year,		21
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Total,		4,152
Number of families patrons of library,	200	
“ visitors patrons of library,	5	
“ volumes taken by families,		5,167
“ volumes taken by public schools,		196
“ volumes taken by visitors,		15
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Total,		5,378
Amount of fines collected,	\$15 16	
“ fees from visitors,	75	
	<hr/>	\$15 91
Paid for incidentals,		2 44
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Balance,		\$13 47
Uncollected fines,		23

Mrs. F. J. STOCKBRIDGE, Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN,

Overseers of Poor and Assessors,

—OF THE—

Town of Northfield,

—TOGETHER WITH—

Reports of the School Committee, Treasurer, Collector, Fire Engineers, Library Trustees and Librarian,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending February 10th, 1898.

GARDNER, MASS.:
PRINTED BY THE GARDNER NEWS CO.,
1898.

Report of the Selectmen.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD :

We herewith submit for your consideration our report for the year ending February 10, 1898. We regret to be obliged to report expenditures which we have been obliged to meet exceeding appropriations in nearly every every department. Quite a number of old bills which were not rendered previous to closing accounts last year have been paid and nearly all bills against the town up to date as far as we know, have been settled. We have taken pains to have outstanding bills rendered and orders drawn so we could show the financial status of the town very closely.

Our Poor have caused an increased expenditure, especially in families where death has occurred, which the report shows. Contingent expenses have been about the same as last year, a little lower. The heavy rain storms after our roads had been repaired, caused many washouts especially on the Warwick road and the Four-Mile brook which caused a large expenditure in bridges and filling, being the cause of a largely overdrawn account.

In Cemetery expenditures we have overdrawn a small sum. In this we could have kept within the appropriation by leaving a part of the fence at the Center unpainted or by not putting on but one coat. We thought best to do it well and in our judgment for the best interest of the town. The cemeteries are in fairly good condition now.

Union Hall appropriation was also exceeded. After making the necessary repairs to hall we thought best to place new windows in the building which caused the expenditure of \$11.39 in excess of the appropriation. The appearance and comfort of the building is greatly improved thereby.

H. C. HOLTON, } *Selectmen*
S. C. HOLTON, } *of*
E. C. FIELD, } *Northfield.*

Town Warrant.

FRANKLIN, ss:

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, County Aforesaid—Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Northfield, on Monday, March 7th, 1898, at 9 o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Outstanding Committees, or act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year; also to bring in their ballots Yes or No in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 4. To see if the town will accept of the Jury List, as revised, or act thereon.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount or interest on taxes, or act thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans, or act thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money for the care and improvement of the Cemeteries, and a Committee be chosen to expend the same, or act thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 264 of the Acts of 1890, relative to Cemetery Commissioners, and choose three Commissioners in conformity to said acts, or act thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of forty dollars to assist the Northfield Hook and Ladder Company, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate and raise one hundred dollars to grade the road leading from the railroad bridge north to Dickenson Hall, on the first hill from the bridge.

Article 12. To see if the town will appropriate and raise two hundred dollars to widen the road at the foot of, and grade "Mill Brook Hill," so called, or act thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will appropriate and raise one hundred and fifty dollars towards the building of a suitable graded sidewalk six feet wide on the west side of Highland avenue, between the streets known as Holton street and Moody street, or act thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money to be applied on the town debt, or act thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money to raise and put an extension on rear of the Town Hall, or act thereon.

Article 16. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 17. To see if the town will increase the number of Library Trustees to six, or act thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money for survey of State road, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, in five public places in town, nine days at least before the day appointed for said meeting, one of which shall be the Postoffice at Northfield, one the Postoffice at East Northfield, one the Postoffice at West Northfield, one the Postoffice at Northfield Farms,

and one the schoolhouse in District No. 6. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this the seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

HENRY C. HOLTON,
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,
ERNEST C. FIELD,
Selectmen of Northfield.

Jury List for 1898.

Edward B. Murdock,
Francis J. Stockbridge,
Ambert G. Moody,
John H. Bolton,
Arthur W. Proctor,
Fred Z. Allen,
Clarence A. Randall,
Henry W. Montague,
Julius M. Clapp,
Frank B. Holton,
Fred C. Britton,
Charles L. Robbins,
Simon S. Fisher,
Frank E. Stimpson,
Joseph A. Ross,
Arnold H. Holton,

John H. Eames,
Alonzo A. Newton,
Charles L. Gilbert,
Geo. W. Piper,
Rufus K. Caldwell,
Clinton A. Ware,
Arthur S. Atwood,
Frank E. Aldrich,
George A. Stearns,
Osgood L. Leach,
Oscar F. Durkee,
Samuel C. Holton,
Fred B. Caldwell,
Wesley Mann,
Clifford I. Holton.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	\$825,380 00
Valuation of personal estate,	92,835 00

Total valuation May 1, 1897,	\$918,215 00
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Number of polls,	516
persons assessed,	748
persons assessed on property,	595
persons assessed for poll tax only,	153
resident taxpayers,	471
non-resident taxpayers,	146
horses assessed,	574
cows assessed,	766
sheep assessed,	168
neat cattle assessed,	290
swine assessed,	125
dwellings assessed,	426
acres of land assessed,	19,730½

ASSESSMENT FOR 1897.

State tax,	\$ 682 50
County tax,	1,670 85
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	\$2,353 35

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1897.

Schools in general,	\$2,800 00
repairs on buildings,	300 00
text books and supplies,	300 00
conveyance,	300 00
superintendent,	260 00
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	\$3,960 00

Financial Condition of the Town, Feb. 10, 1898.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$2,100 00
H. C. Holton, selectman,	80 00
H. C. Holton, commissioner,	103 25
S. C. Holton, selectman,	106 86
E. C. Field, selectman,	121 13
L. R. Smith, school committee,	13 75
M. T. Moore, constable and collector,	118 50
Due M. T. Moore, collector account, discount,	345 04
Cash in hand to treasurer, credit Thomas Quinlan,	55 59
Estimated expense of poor, Feb. 10, 1898,	277 40
Estimated expense of highways, Feb. 15, 1898,	30 00
Outstanding orders, 1893, not paid,	5 44
Outstanding orders, 1898, not paid,	825 30
	<hr/> \$4,182 26

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$3,340 75
Cash in hands of library trustees,	50 15
Income, surplus revenue uncollected,	64 00
Due from Town of Warwick, account of J. H. Wise,	83 50
Due from state, account of Mrs John Presea,	5 00
Due from state, account of inspector, estimate,	40 00
Due from state, account of state and military aid,	288 00
Due from state, account of superintendent of schools,	173 00
Due from Town of Ashby, account of Asa Keniston,	7 68
Due from M. T. Moore, collector, account of 1896,	200 00
Due from M. T. Moore, collector, account of 1897,	4,140 91
Total,	<hr/> \$8,392 99
Balance in favor of town,	<hr/> \$4,210 73

HENRY C. HOLTON, } *Selectmen*
 SAMUEL C. HOLTON, } *of*
 ERNEST C. FIELD, } *Northfield.*

Contingent and support of poor,	\$3,000 00
Highways, general repairs,	2,000 00
Building road known as Dickinson street,	125 00
Building road known as Glenwood avenue,	150 00
Cemeteries in general,	175 00
Library,	200 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Repairs to Union Hall,	75 00
Overlay,	422 67

\$10,157 67

Raised on polls,	\$1,032 00
" " personal estate,	1,161 12
" " real estate,	10,317 90
	<hr/> \$12,511 02

Taxes on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate per \$1000, \$12.50.

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	Assessors
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		of
ERNEST C. FIELD.		Northfield.

List of Abatements.

M. T. Moore, abatement of taxes, 1895,		
H. S. Stone,	"	\$ 2 00
John Steer,	"	2 00
John Skrocki,	"	2 00
Hugh Sutherland,	"	2 00
James Barry,	"	2 00
Warren M. Aldrich,	1896,	2 00
W. G. Atkinson,	"	2 00
Edgar E. Barrett,	"	2 00
Charles W. Costello,	"	2 00
Terrence Coughlin, 2nd,	"	2 00
Maurice Cunningham,	"	2 00
Earl Chapin,	"	2 00
John Davis,	"	2 00
Daniel Delaney,	"	2 00
Daniel Diggins,	"	2 00
George Fournier,	"	2 00
Fred W. Fowler,	"	2 00
Daniel Hardy,	"	2 00
R. A. Harris,	"	2 00
Louis Haskell,	"	2 00
Fayette C. Howard,	"	2 00
Charles Huber,	"	2 00
Charles Hart,	"	2 00
Charles X. James,	"	10 29
Charles Ledger,	"	2 57
Joseph Loskoski,	"	2 00
—McDonald,	"	2 00
Mrs. Frances Mead,	"	2 84

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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Joseph Nicarojns,	"	2 00
William O'Dell,	"	2 00
Antone Podelinski,	"	2 00
Peter Poleskie,	"	2 00
Milard V. Stancliff,	"	3 82
Henry C. Starks,	"	2 75
Walter M. Stratton,	"	2 00
Levi Thornton,	"	2 00
Leroy E. Webster,	"	2 00
Harry C. Wentworth,	"	2 00
Frank Williamson,	"	2 00
Antone Yamamska,	"	2 00
Dwight Aldrich,	"	2 00
Geo. D. Dresser,	"	2 00
Charles Hunt,	"	2 00
Patrick Piggott,	"	2 00
John Selich,	"	2 00
Walter C. Sherman,	"	2 00
Herbert Stebbins,	"	2 00
B. M. Louram,	"	2 00
Mrs. Aaron Morgan,	"	85
Hugh Sutherland,	"	2 00
Mt. Hermon Boys' School,	"	7 10

 \$118 22

Report of Overseers of Poor.

DWIGHT COOK AND FAMILY :

Town of Montague, aid rendered,	\$152 81
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MRS. JAMES O'BRIEN :

Town of Watertown, aid rendered to July 1, 1897,	33 05
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WATSON FAMILY :

Town of Watertown, aid rendered to Jan. 1, 1898,	22 00
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MRS. MARY FITZGERALD :

City of Boston, aid rendered to Jan., 1897,	10 00
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A. H. RICHARDS :

G. Q. A. Bryant, Winchendon, goods furnished,	13 69
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J. G. Henry, M. D., Winchendon, medical services,	7 00
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Town of Royalston, aid rendered,	71 20
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Town of Phillipston, aid rendered,	44 00
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135 89

FRED W. WHITNEY :

City of Lowell, aid rendered to Jan. 1, 1898,	28 00
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HARRISON B. ALLEN :

Town of Warwick, aid rendered to Feb. 28, 1897,	18 50
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JOHANNA DRISCOLL :

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,	7 31
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R. C. Ward, M. D., medical services,	11 25
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Jerry Twine, board to Jan. 1, 1898,	74 78
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93 34

COLEMAN SMITH :

Northampton Lunatic Hospital,	169 46
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CHARLES PARKER :

Massachusetts State Farm,	109 20
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JOHN QUINLAN :

Massachusetts State Farm,	109 20
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ALVA KIMPLIN'S FAMILY :

Town of Bernardston, 1896 and 1897,	59 70
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MRS. CHAUNCEY KIMPLIN :

Geo. A. Stevens, wood,	3 00	
Thos. Quinlan, wood,	15 75	
Weekly aid,	60 00	
	<hr/>	78 75

MRS. MARY MATTOON :

R. C. Ward, M. D., medical services,	4 00	
Weekly aid,	72 00	
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EDW. J. FITZGERALD, (Boston.)

Weekly aid,	40 00
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EDDIE BADGER :

Mrs. Lizzie Burnham, aid,	2 00
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MRS. JOHN PIESIA AND CHILDREN :

Aid,	5 00
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GARDNER COLLIER :

Weekly aid, 26 weeks, \$2 per week, to Jan. 30, 1898,	52 00
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MRS. ELECTA STRATTON, (Westboro)

Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, aid to Feb. 1st, 1898,	70 00
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MRS. GEO. DOOLITTLE AND CHILDREN :

Weekly aid rendered,	104 00
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J. L. MAY :

S. P. Woodbury, M. D , medical services,	30 90
E. W. Lull, nursing,	27 00
F. A. Hilliard, boarding E. W. Lull,	6 00
H. E. Bond, casket and box,	12 00
C. E. Leach, watching body,	1 00
E. Gaines, " "	1 00

W. S. Osgood, notifying relatives of death,	50	
Rev. D. A. Hudson, attending funeral,	2 00	
A. W. Procter, telephone charges,	30	
	<hr/>	80 70
CHARLES BRIGGS :		
Thomas Quinlan, 1 cord wood,	4 00	
H. E. Bond & Co., casket, robe and box,	15 00	
A. W. Procter, goods furnished,	5 50	
H. H. Mason, digging grave,	2 50	
R. C. Ward, M. D., medical services,	22 70	
S. C. Holton, aid,	2 25	
	<hr/>	51 95
JAMES ARLIN'S FAMILY :		
Hugh Sutherland, house rent,	7 50	
C. B. Morrill, goods furnished,	5 00	
	<hr/>	12 50
JONATHAN LYMAN :		
Byron Gillette, sawing and splitting wood,	2 25	
G. A. Stearns, 1½ cords wood,	3 75	
T. F. Reed, washings and care of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman,	23 50	
O. H. Doolittle, board and care of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman,	112 75	
H. E. Bond & Co., casket and box,	12 00	
R. C. Ward, M. D., medical services,	29 75	
H. H. Mason, digging grave,	2 50	
A. W. Procter goods furnished,	11 69	
	<hr/>	198 19
GAD LYMAN :		
G. C. Irish, meat furnished 1896,	1 70	
A. W. Procter, goods furnished,	3 20	
	<hr/>	4 90
CHARLES LORD :		
T. F. Reed, board to Jan. 1,	78 00	
A. W. Procter, goods furnished,	2 00	
	<hr/>	80 00
MRS. MARY WATTON,		
Mrs. Lucinda Hart, board,	20 46	
R. C. Ward, M. D., medical services,	1 75	
A. W. Procter, goods furnished,	1 01	
	<hr/>	23 22

LYDIA PACKARD AND CHILD :

H. S. Ames, legal advice, 1896,	10 00	
O. H. Doolittle, 16 weeks' board,	72 00	
S. C. Holton, moving to O. H. Doolittle's,	75	
S. C. Holton, car fares to Orange,	44	
	<hr/>	83 19

ASA KENISTON :

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,		\$21 81
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WILLIAM DALE :

R. C. Ward, M. D., medical services,	\$ 6 00	
Weekly aid,	63 75	
	<hr/>	69 75

JOHN R. CASEY :

Care of 105 tramps,		22 80
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S. C. HOLTON :

Care of tramp,		26
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L. WEBSTER :

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,		3 07
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\$2,021 23

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By amount due from Town of Ashby, account

Asa Keniston,	\$ 7 68
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By amount received from Thomas Quinlan, account John Quinlan, for year 1897,

109 20

By amount due from State of Massachusetts, account Mrs. John Presia,

5 00

\$121 88

Total expense of Poor,

\$1,899 35

HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	<i>Overseers of Poor of Northfield.</i>
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		
ERNEST C. FIELD,		

Contingent Expenses.

H. C. Holton, services as selectman, 1896,	\$112 50	
H. C. Holton, services as road commissioner,	59 37	
	<hr/>	171 87
C. C. Stearns, services as selectman, 1896,		138 75
H. H. Nash, services as selectman, 1896,		71 00
A. G. Moody, services as auditor, 1896,		2 50
Fred C. Britton, services as auditor, 1896,		2 50
F. J. Stockbridge, services as registrar,		11 25
C. A. Ware, services as registrar,		11 25
T. R. Callender, services as registrar,		11 25
E. S. Bardwell, services as school committee,	5 00	
E. S. Bardwell, car fares and telegrams,	3 15	
	<hr/>	8 15
L. R. Smith, services as school committee,	\$10 00	
L. R. Smith, repairs,	2 00	
	<hr/>	12 00
Nellie M. Wood, services as school committee,	\$17 75	
Nellie M. Wood, postage,	75	
	<hr/>	18 50
C. C. Stearns, services as election officer,		2 50
C. L. Robbins, services as election officer,		2 50
N. D. Alexander, services as election officer, 1896 and 1897,		5 00
O. L. Leach, services as election officer, 1896 and 1897,		5 00
C. H. Green, services as election officer, 1896 and 1897,		5 00
T. E. Heald, services as cattle inspector to May 1, 1897,		62 30

R. C. Ward, services as cattle inspector to Feb. 10, 1898,		126 55
M. T. Moore, collector, 1896,	\$76 00	
constable, 1896,	15 00	
election officer, 1896,	2 50	
posting town warrants, 1896,	6 00	
	<hr/>	99 50
C. C. Stearns, wrappers and mailing reports,		6 00
C. V. R. R. Co., tolls, 1896,		2 08
Fred Hallett & Co., printing Town reports,		38 40
Samuel Ward & Co., mortgage record book,		17 00
Geo. W. Southworth, order and listing blanks,		7 25
Town of Gill, one-half expense of boat for Morgan's Ferry,		150 00
J. C. Delvy, boat for Munn's Ferry,		22 00
C. H. Webster, trustee fees,		1 00
insurance policy,		10 50
J. L. Fairbanks, pauper register,		3 50
Lombard & Keefe, repairs to hall sink,		60
J. W. Black, watching fire, account E. H. Chamberlain,		2 00
C. H. Webster, watching fire, account E. H. Chamberlain,		2 00
E. A. Hall & Co., collector's books and stationery,		4 65
W. H. Holton, repairing Town clock,		1 50
M. T. Moore, posting town warrants, March,		6 00
Geo. A. Stearns, wood for Town Hall,		2 75
E. C. Fowler, officer's fees,		32 33
W. M. Smead, officer's fees,		62 93
G. H. Johnson, officer's fees,		7 79
C. S. Richardson, officer's fees,		1 25
E. J. Pratt, officer's fees,		25 16
F. W. Doane, coal for Town Hall,		16 50
American Express Co., express charges,		6 40
H. C. Holton, legal advice,	2 00	
postage, ,	90	
Ferrages,	8 50	
	<hr/>	11 40
W. H. Browning, order of abatement, 1896,		3 55
Chas. Pomeroy, estate, abatement account Perry farm,		3 90
E. C. Field, postage and car fares to Orange,		1 76
S. C. Holton, postage, car fares, tolls and stationery,		2 60
A. W. Procter, oil, chimneys, stationery and tramp orders,		24 06

H. H. Mason, driving hearse,	32 50	
care of clock,	15 00	
“ library,	4 00	
“ hall,	58 00	
special police,	4 00	
returning 28 deaths,	7 00	
	<hr/>	120 50
W. J. Wright, services as town clerk and treasurer,	205 10	
paid doctors for return of births		
and deaths,	8 50	
stamps and stationery,	15 05	
	<hr/>	228 65
M. T. Moore, collector, abatement taxes 1895-96,		118 22
C. V. R. R. Co., tolls, 1897,		2 50
Town of Gill, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense of Morgan's Ferry,		25 83
Thos. Quinlan, wood for town hall, 1896,		11 50
F. E. Aldrich, slating school house, district No. 4,		72 50
C. L. Cook, book for town officers,		50
C. H. Webster, insurance policy on library,		12 00
Samuel Ward & Co., book for town officers,		2 50
Conant & Conant, legal advice,		1 00
F. E. Stimpson, damages to team on gulf road, 1896,		5 00
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	Total,	\$1844 93
Expense of poor,	\$1899 35	
Contingent,	1844 93	
	<hr/>	\$3744 28
Appropriations, poor and contingent,	3000 00	
Received from court fines,	100 00	
“ “ town of Gill, account boat,	11 00	
	<hr/>	\$3111 00
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Overdrawn,		633 28

MILITARY AND STATE AID.

Charles X. Janes, military aid,	\$72 00
Daniel Burnham, state aid,	24 00

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Thomas H. Hart, state aid,	48 00
Roswell Stratton, state aid,	48 00
Gardner Collier, state aid,	48 00
William Strange, state aid,	48 00
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	\$288 00

REPAIRS TO UNION HALL.

C. V. R. R. Co., freight charges on lime,	\$ 54
O. L. Leach, lathing,	3 50
C. A. Whittaker, ½ days labor,	75
E. C. Field, 5½ days labor,	8 25
C. L. Gilbert, 1 7-10 days labor,	2 55
Frank H. Montague, drawing sand,	60
Robbins & Cowles, 14 lbs hair,	52
C. A. Moulton, lath and sheathing,	6 62
C. V. R. R. Co., freight charges on windows,	1 13
M. H. Clapp, painting,	7 50
W. C. Manchester, carpenter labor,	8 06
S. Weatherhead, mason tender and rope block,	1 00
F. I. Webster, 2 lbs. lime,	3 00
T. Hamilton, mason work,	16 40
A. W. Proctor, paint stock and nails,	5 56
Jackson & Newton, 11 windows,	15 07
J. F. Bartlett, paper and hanging same,	9 73
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	\$90 78

Appropriation,	\$75 00
Old windows sold,	4 40

\$79 40

Overdrawn,	11 38
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CEMETERIES.

Arad Stratton, mowing cemetery at Farms,	\$3 60
A. W. Proctor, paint stock, cemetery at Farms, 1896,	3 00
S. S. Fisher, mowing cemetery on Mountain,	1 50

H. C. Holton, “	“	at West Northfield,	2 00
B. Morrison, “	“	in district No. 7,	2 00
Amos Bigelow “	“	at Centre,	12 50
Frank Perould, “	“	“	9 00
S. K. Sawyer, “	“	“	2 00
H. H. Mason, labor,	“	“	25 60
Chas. Gilette, “	“	“	6 75
F. Perold, “	“	“	5 70
C. W. Slate, “	“	“	4 35
Geo. H. Slate, “	“	“	8 85
A. W. Proctor, paint stock,	“	“	36 65
F. H. Turner, 200 lbs. whiting,	“	“	5 00
F. H. Turner, painting fence,	“	“	37 50
James Broderich, “	“	“	33 75

 \$199 75

Appropriation,

\$175 00.

Overdrawn,

24 75.

Highways.

L. C. Miller,	Labor,	\$ 4 65
W. F. Field,	"	14 10
Elson E. Howes,	"	9 90
W. C. Manchester,	"	7 50
F. W. Hilliard,	"	5 40
E. B. Stratton,	"	6 75
James Paine,	"	13 40
A. Whittaker,	"	1 72
C. A. Whittaker,	"	3 15
S. G. Titus,	"	6 00
Wallace Morgan,	"	14 62
G. F. Alexander,	"	1 50
C. L. Gilbert,	"	2 85
E. Gains,	"	11 60
A. Stratton,	"	16 42
E. A. Nash,	"	7 58
Ira H. Ewers,	"	4 05
H. F. Field's man,	"	1 95
G. B. Kenney,	"	13 35
F. H. Simonds,	"	8 85
F. H. Montague,	"	1 50
I. Murdock,	"	2 62
Geo. Webster,	"	3 00
Lyman Smith,	"	1 35
F. W. Ruggles,	"	230 62
S. Ruggles,	"	11 25
O. F. Durkee,	"	42 10
H. F. Hall,	"	15 00
Northfield Seminary,	"	125 23

John R. Casey and man,	"	510 80
F. W. Doane,	"	43 13
J. A. Holland,	"	88 64
S. S. Fisher,	"	14 63
Wm. Fellows,	"	15 75
H. Johnson,	"	1 13
Geo. W. Piper and others,	"	185 52
D. L. Preston and others,	"	78 72
H. D. Field,	"	126 05
R. E. Long,	"	110 75
Geo. Stearns,	"	34 65
Thomas Quinlan, 1896,	"	115 71
Thomas Quinlan, 1897,	"	270 15
Wm. Strange,	"	3 92
James Crehan,	"	12 30
Warren Hewett,	"	9 45
W. F. Grace,	"	22 73
H. T. Hart,	"	16 20
Lewis Fowler,	"	65 80
F. V. Wood,	"	2 25
G. R. Clough	"	21 70
John Grace,	"	69 00
G. H. Baldwin,	"	9 90
F. L. King,	"	13 65
C. R. Pomeroy,	"	36 45
G. H. Lyman,	"	5 10
H. C. Holton's man and team,	"	97 30
C. I. Holton,	"	28 05
J. H. Dalton,	"	66 50
Arnold H. Holton,	"	6 90
F. E. Aldrich,	"	156 55
Geo. H. Slate,	"	27 90
C. W. Slate,	"	51 65
O. E. Slate,	"	3 30
M. T. Moore,	"	50
J. Arlin,	"	10 75
Wesley Mann,	"	1 20
L. Fisher,	"	4 65
William Sullivan,	"	6 00

Robert Edwards,	"	6 00
John Reardon,	"	6 00
Amos Bigelow,	"	3 25
Charles Strange,	"	6 75
William Aldrich,	"	6 75
R. Philips,	"	5 85
E. M. Kimplin,	"	12 15
Wright Arlin,	"	14 25
William Bain,	"	5 09
C. P. Britton,	"	70
Gardner Collier,	"	1 75
F. E. Stimpson, 1896,	"	5 25
Thos. McHugh,	"	15 40
G. W. Cummings,	"	14 25
Geo. W. Preston,	"	3 75
O. S. Davis,	"	7 00
Chas. Gillette,	"	4 50
Fred Davis,	"	4 50
Frank Perould,	"	1 50
Charles Aldrich,	"	8 70
Jason Bump,	"	5 25
C. A. Parker,	"	4 75
Byron Gillette,	"	3 00
William Burrows,	"	9 45
James Campbell,	"	1 20
Willie W. Slate,	"	1 35
Thomas Metcalf's men,	"	2 70
Hartwell Doolittle,	"	3 00
F. H. Turner,	"	4 00
Frank B. Holton,	"	3 75
G. E. Murdock,	"	4 95
Fred E. Clough,	"	11 40

\$3,121 53

WATER RENTS.

M. E. Dickenson, 1897,	\$ 5 00
Northfield Aqueduct Co., 1897,	10 00

Joseph A. Ross, 1897,	3 00
W. N. Smith, 1897,	5 00
E. C. Field,	5 00
E. W. Smith,	5 00

\$33 00

MATERIAL FOR HIGHWAYS.

H. C. Holton, bridge stringers,	5 50
C. P. Britton, plank,	19 60
Ansel Coller, plank,	8 32
Northfield Cemetery, pipes,	13 50
M. H. Alkins, pipes, 1896,	40 13
Geo. Tyler & Co., casting for scraper,	16 50
Aldrich & Long, plank,	15 68
D. McD. Ross, repairing scraper,	2 00
James W. Black, " " and material,	8 70
K. E. Nims, " "	3 50
Geo. Tyler & Co., points for scraper,	4 00
F. V. Doolittle, plank,	18 37
C. Pomeroy estate, use of plow, 1896-97,	1 25
Pickard & Walker, powder,	30
S. Ruggles, railings and posts,	4 20
E. C. Field, 28 loads abutment and covering stone,	7 50
W. D. Stevens, sections for scraper,	2 00
A. W. Proctor, spikes,	11 48
Fred Turner, paint stock for bridge,	3 00
F. H. Turner, painting guide boards,	8 50
Frank B. Holton, stone,	5 00
C. V. R. R. Co., freight charges on supplies,	25
American Express Co, express charges on supplies,	1 50
W. L. Davis, sharpening drills, 1896,	3 10
C. L. Gilbert, stringers for bridge,	8 00
Thomas Quinlan, plank and timber, 1896,	19 37

\$231 25

Highways in general,	\$2829 47
Dickenson street construction,	137 11
Glenwood avenue,	154 95

Water rents,	33 00	
Material,	231 25	
	<hr/>	\$3385 78
Appropriation, highways,	\$2000 00	
" Dickinson street,	125 00	
" Glenwood avenue,	150 00	
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	Overdrawn,	\$1110 78

This report includes \$184.31, bills of previous years, and all bills now due will not exceed \$30.00

Selectmen's Financial Report.

DR.

Orders issued on Town Treasurer since Feb. 10, 1897, \$15,347 91

CR.

Paid for poor,	\$2,021 23
contingent,	1,844 93
cemeteries,	199 75
Union Hall,	90 78
highways,	3,060 72
water rents,	33 00
building Dickinson street,	137 11
building Glenwood avenue,	154 95
schools,	5,202 09
library appropriation,	200 00
Memorial Day appropriation,	50 00
State tax,	682 50
county tax,	1,670 85
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HENRY C. HOLTON,	}	<i>Selectmen of Northfield.</i>
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		
ERNEST C. FIELD,		

Treasurer's Report.

W. J. WRIGHT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

	DR.	CR.
To balance from previous account,	\$3,688 15	
cash from New Salem account, Emery White,	3 00	
F. V. Wood, billiard license,	2 00	
State Treasurer, account corporation tax,	17 04	
H. E. Waterman, peddler's license,	6 00	
A. W. Adams, auctioneer's license,	2 00	
Joshua Simpkins Co., license,	2 00	
State Treasurer, inspection animals,	143 55	
State Treasurer, account Mary Pier- son,	125 00	
William J. Allen, fines,	100 00	
R. K. Caldwell, auctioneer's license,	2 00	
State Treasurer, account superintend- ent schools,	173 00	
account tramps,	6 00	
State Treasurer, account corporation tax,	1,543 75	
State Treasurer, account National Bank tax,	250 39	
State Treasurer, account Military aid,	36 00	
State Treasurer, account State aid,	204 00	
sale of apples at the Farms,	1 50	
dog fund returned,	194 60	
Town of Gill, account small boat,	11 00	
income Massachusetts school fund,	345 03	
Town of Ashby, account A. Keniston,	14 13	

Franklin County National Bank, ac-		
count loans,	3,445	69
H. H. Mason, rent Town Hall,	90	00
E. C. Field, rent Union Hall,	2	00
E. C. Field, old windows, Union hall,	4	40
M.T.Moore,collector account,'95 tax,	330	20
" " " " '96 "	3636	47
" " " " '97 "	8370	11
" " " " '94 "		
settled,	52	49
M. T. Moore, collector account, '95 tax		
settled,	75	00
Thomas Quinlan, on account of John		
Quinlan,	365	93
By cash paid temporary loans		5000 00
state treasurer,		19
state and military aid,		288 00
Greenfield savings bank interest on note,		90 88
selectmen's orders,		14522 61
in hands of treasurer,		3340 75

\$23,242 43 \$23,242 43

W. J. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 10, 1898.

REPORT OF ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Amount in bank, Jan 1, 1897,	\$1087	04	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1898,	43	90	
			<hr/> \$1130 94
Drawn from bank Jan. 6, 1898, and paid as follows :			
Mrs. Hannah Stevens,	\$10	00	
Gad Lyman,	10	00	
Emma Hilliard,	5	00	
Mrs. Fayette Howard,	10	00	
Theodosia Sprague,	5	00	
			<hr/> 40 00
			<hr/> \$1090 94

Collector's Report.

	DR.	
Amount committed for collectors, 1897,		12511 02
	CR.	
Paid Town Treasurer,		\$8370 11
Discounts due collector,		345 04
Balance due Town,		3795 87
		<hr/> \$12,511 02

MERRILL T. MOORE, *Collector.*

February 10, 1898.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of the Town of Northfield :

The School Committee herewith present their annual report for your consideration.

The Committee feel that the results of three years' experience have fully justified all anticipations of the benefits of professional supervision. The standard of teaching has been raised. The schools have been supplied with better text books and more varied materials. The school buildings and outhouses have been more closely looked after. There has been a better attendance and parents have taken a greater interest in the schools. The schools have been more closely graded, and, the yearly work of each grade being clearly mapped out, progress has been more steady and uniform. Music, drawing, nature study and other new subjects have been introduced, with evident advantage to our schools. Interesting work of a great variety and suited to the age and capacity of each child is producing habits of neatness, order, industry and systematic and earnest effort. Good habits are the foundation of character, good citizenship and success in life.

Your Committee are able to report that all bills have been paid and that there still remains a balance of \$69.31 to the credit of the school department. The closest economy and some sacrifices have been necessary to reach this result.

The school buildings are in good condition. The best slate blackboards have been placed in all the rooms at Nos. 1, 2 and 4. This is a permanent improvement of great value to the schools. New windows have also been provided for No. 4. This school room is now one of the pleasantest and most attractive in the town.

CALENDAR FOR 1898-99.

Spring term,	12 weeks,	begins March 28,	closes June 17.
Fall term,	12 weeks,	begins Aug. 29,	closes Nov. 18.
Winter term,	12 weeks,	begins Nov. 28,	closes Feb. 24.
with a recess from Dec. 23 to January 2.			

We recommend for the coming year: For schools, \$2,800; for books and supplies, \$300; for conveyance of pupils, \$300; for the salary of superintendent, \$260.

L. R. SMITH,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
E. S. BARDWELL,		
NELLIE M. WOOD,		

Financial School Report

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1898.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2800 00
Repairs,	300 00
Text-books and supplies,	300 00
Conveyence,	300 00
Superintendent,	260 00
Massachusetts school fund,	345 03
Income surplus revenue,	64 00
Dog fund,	194 60
State aid for supervision,	173 00
Unexpended balance Feb. 10, 1897,	534 77
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	\$5271 40

EXPENDITURES.

SALARY OF TEACHERS.

J. E. Armes,	\$ 12 00
Grace Lindsey,	132 00
J. A. Nolon, No. 1,	228 00
Edna White,	432 00
Lucy W. Sanderson,	360 00
Mary I. Sanderson,	24 00
Annie Thompson,	93 00
Lucy Ladd Brown,	120 00
Alice M. Dwight,	120 00
Jessie A. Stone,	72 00
Jennie M. Ramsey, No. 3,	72 00
Josephine M. Briggs,	54 00
Lottie E. Evans,	300 00

Beatrice McGlaflin,	144 00
Jennie M. Ramsey,	66 00
Jannett B. Fuller,	96 00
Edith A. Stevens,	54 00
Joseph Nolon, No. 7,	84 00
Margaret Whitty,	144 00
Carrie Russell,	216 00
Miss Palmer,	216 00

\$3039 00

SUPPLIES.

A. W. Proctor, ^	\$ 10 67
American Express Co., Vermont R. R.,	20 99
J. E. Warren,	3 45
Brooms, No. 4,	65
D. C. Heath & Co.,	28 27
Edward E. Babb & Co ,	21 95
King, Richardson Co.,	25 92
J. S. Hammett & Co.,	58 23
Ginn & Co.,	60 55
The Morse Co.,	1 24
Emerson & Co.,	11 25
American Book Co.,	8 16
R. J. Kimball,	3 60
H. R. Crowell,	3 84
University Publishing Co.,	10 37
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	15 24
Newcomb Bros.,	3 25
American Express Co., Vermont R. R.,	60

\$288 23

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Henry Russell, No. 9,	1 50
Mrs. Johnson, cleaning, No. 3,	75
Frank Piper, " " 6,	2 00
Beatrice McGlaflin, care No. 5,	3 00
Jessie Stone, care No. 3,	3 00
C. R. Pomeroy, care No. 1,	39 00
Carrie Miller, care No. 4,	4 80

Carrie Russel, care No. 9,	3 00
Willie Alexander,	4 20
James Brodwick, Nos. 1 and 2,	10 50
Joe Fisher, No. 5,	75
Maria Collier, cleaning No. 5,	2 00
Chas. Howe, No. 7,	3 00
James M. Ramsey, No. 3,	3 00
Beatrice McGlaflin, No. 6,	4 20
Carrie Russell, No. 9,	3 00
Willie Alexander, No. 2,	5 35
Carrie Miller, No. 4,	4 80
C. R. Pomeroy, No. 1,	34 00
Florence Dresser, No. 6,	6 00
Leo Merrill, No. 7,	4 25
E. S. Corse, cleaning No. 7,	1 00
Edith A. Stevens, No. 6,	1 40
C. R. Pomeroy, No. 1,	12 00
Hiram Johnson, No. 5,	1 00
C. J. Holton, cleaning No. 7,	50
Edith Stevens, No. 5,	1 75
C. R. Pomeroy,	24 00
Leon Hastings, No. 4,	6 00
J. H. Ewers, No. 3,	4 50
Willie Alexander, No. 2,	6 00
Chas. Howe, No. 7,	2 00
Carrie Russell, No. 9,	3 50

\$205 75

REPAIRS.

E. A. Fowler,	\$ 12 42
Jones Fisher, No. 5,	2 55
Lombard & O'Keefe,	7 20
M. H. Alkins,	10 47
F. E. Stevens,	14 53
P. P. Hosmer,	5 14
O'Keefe,	4 45
F. S. Stevens,	5 00
Wm. Moore,	1 50
C. A. Reed,	1 25

Henry Russell,	90
C. A. Reed,	4 75
Hiram Johnson,	50
R. M. Snow,	2 82
R. M. Snow,	1 20
C. R. Pomeroy,	40
Chas. O'Keefe,	1 45
Bangor Slate Syndicate,	78 07
Freight on black boards,	9 61
J. E. Warren,	12 16
Pickard & Walker,	92
Frank L. King,	6 25
C. R. Pomeroy,	65
Repairs at No. 4,	24 22
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	\$208 41

FUEL.

F. W. Doane, coal,	\$26 50
“ “ “	20 25
Frank Piper, wood, No. 6,	10 62
Geo. A. Stearns, wood,	21 00
F. W. Doane, coal,	39 00
C. R. Pomeroy, cutting wood,	2 25
C. I. Holton, cutting wood,	1 50
F. W. Doane, coal,	9 75
Geo. A. Stearns, wood, Nos. 1, 9, 3,	25 86
J. A. Ewers,	1 00
Willie Alexander, wood,	1 00
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	\$158 73

CONVEYANCE.

S. L. Pike,	\$73 00
W. C. Fellows,	44 00
Mrs. Rufus Phillips,	5 00
W. H. Browning,	21 00
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	\$143 00

EXPENDED ON PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACCOUNT,

Lucy Perry, No. 7,	\$ 97 50
Anna Palmer,	45 00
Grace Lindsey, No. 1,	36 00

Lucy L. Brown, No. 6,	60 00	
Edna White, No. 1,	96 00	
Jessie A. Stone, No. 3,	60 00	
Lucy Sanderson,	68 00	
Anna Thompson, No. 2,	85 00	
A. L. Wetherby,	24 00	
Lottie E. Evans, No. 4,	104 00	
Carrie Russell, No. 9,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$735 50
A. W. Proctor, supplies,	\$ 1 68	
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	21 50	
Geo. S. Perry,	11 93	
Broom,	25	
Newcomb Bros.,	2 40	
Mrs. N. P. Wood,	2 90	
	<hr/>	\$40 66
S. L. Pike, carrying scholars, No. 6,	\$9 00	
S. L. Pike, carrying scholars, No. 6,	9 00	
W. H. Browning,	24 50	
Mrs. Phillips, carrying scholars, No. 7,	11 10	
	<hr/>	\$53 60
Charlie Howe, care No. 7,	\$ 6 50	
Lucy L. Brown, " 6,	3 50	
Jessie A. Stone, " 3,	2 50	
C. R. Pomeroy, " 1,	34 45	
Leon Miller, " 4,	6 50	
Carrie Russell, " 9,	3 00	
Charlie Howe, " 7,	2 50	
James Greenwood, " 7,	1 50	
Willie Alexander, " 2,	3 15	
	<hr/>	\$63 60
Lombard & Keefe, repairs,	\$ 1 70	
Repairs No. 9,	35	
Repairs No. 2,	25	
Willie Alexander, cutting wood,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$6 05
	<hr/>	\$899 41

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,		\$5271 40
Paid teachers,	\$3039 40	
Fuel,	158 73	
Conveyance,	143 00	
Repairs on buildings,	208 41	
Care of buildings,	205 75	
Text-books and supplies,	288 23	
Superintendent,	259 56	
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Expenses current year,	4302 68	
Expended on previous year's account,	899 41	
Balance unexpended appropriation,	69 31	
	<hr/>	\$5271 40

L. R. SMITH,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
E. S. BARDWELL,		
NELLIE M. WOOD.		

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF NORTHFIELD :

The third annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is hereby respectfully submitted.

During the year an earnest effort has been made to bring our schools into complete harmony with the Massachusetts School System, for that system represents the best educational thought of the day.

Massachusetts free normal schools, free text books, plans for skilled supervision and laws for compulsory attendance and the prevention of child labor are looked upon as models by the leading thinkers of other states.

Our State Board of Education, with the hearty endorsement of the most enlightened citizens in all walks of life, is seeking to still farther perfect this system and extend its wise provisions to all parts of the state by the enactment of laws :

1. To make skilled supervision permanent in all public schools.
2. To require that new teachers shall be normal graduates, or have equivalent training.
3. To equalize, as far as possible, the educational advantages of the state by increasing the opportunities of the children in the smaller and poorer towns.
4. To relieve the smaller towns of a large portion of the expense of school support by a tax on the whole wealth of the state, which by the concentration of corporate and great manufacturing enterprises in a few cities now escapes its just share of the burden of taxation.

Northfield can only reap the full benefit of present and prospective legislation by placing herself in entire sympathy with the system. She has much to gain by such a course and nothing to lose. She retains absolute control over the schools of the town. The superintendent paid almost entirely by the state, cannot spend a cent without the sanction of

the local authorities. He may advise, but he can only execute the wishes of the school committee.

The committee can discharge an inefficient trained teacher or an unacceptable superintendent as readily as elect one. It is the system and not the interests of any man or woman which should be considered. The more the people of Northfield study the system of schools, the more firmly will they believe in it.

In following out this system, I have adopted only those courses of study, text books and principles, methods and devices for teaching upon the soundness of which there is a general agreement among educators. No rash experiments or radical measures have been tried. The safe, conservative and therefore truly progressive policy has in every case been followed. The "consensus of competent opinion" has been the guide in every line of school work, as the following brief outline will clearly show.

ARITHMETIC.

The inductive method is used in every large city and town in the commonwealth. Our text book, Prince's Arithmetic by Grades, which is but a development of that system, is used by more than half the towns of Franklin county and 207 of 353 towns and cities of the state.

The advantages claimed for it over other text books embodying the same principles are the great variety and careful gradation of problems, frequent reviews; the large amount of oral work, by which the pupil's logical powers are developed and the ability to work with large numbers by short processes is cultivated; the introduction of statistics and facts of physics, astronomy, history, geography, etc., thus enabling pupils to gain incidentally much useful information; and the use of drill tables and other devices to save the time of teachers. No candid person can fail to be impressed by the rapid progress which has attended the use of this method here.

GEOGRAPHY.

Frye's Geographies are now being used in all our schools with satisfactory results. These scientific and attractive books are more extensively used in New England than all other works on geography combined.

WRITING.

Two years ago vertical writing was looked upon by many as a dangerous innovation. To-day, I challenge a comparison of the average ex-

cellence of the writing in our schools with that of any town in the state. Eighty per cent. of the children of the state are now learning to write the vertical script. There is good reason to believe that its use will soon become almost universal.

LANGUAGE.

Language, including reading, spelling and grammar, is the most important subject taught in our schools. The most approved and generally accepted methods have been followed in each of these lines. I will not outline them here as they have been treated at some length in former reports.

MUSIC.

I am glad to be able to report that the work in music under the efficient direction of Miss Annie H. Palmer, has been of a high order and that the advancement has been continuous and rapid. Good habits of voice production are being established, and the vocal organs of the children are daily growing stronger and more flexible, making the tones purer and more agreeable in singing, reading and conversation.

The pupils are not only learning to read and render music acceptably, but their powers of attention, and quick and accurate thinking are being developed.

School.	Teacher.	Weeks Taught.	No. Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.
High.	Grace E. Lindsey, Joseph A. Nolan.	12 24	33	28.4	26.6	94
Grammar.	Edna L. White.	36	33	27.9	26.6	95.3
Primary.	Lucy W. Sanderson.	36	31	22	20.25	92
2.	Anna L. Thompson, Lucy L. Brown, Alice M. Dwight.	12 22 12	33	27	24.3	90
3.	Jessie A. Stone, Jennie M. Ramsey, Josephine M. Briggs.	12 12 9	15	11.5	10.35	90
4.	Lottie E. Evans.	36	32	22.9	20.3	89
5.	Jennie M. Ramsey, Jeannette B. Fuller.	12 16	17	13.6	13.05	95
6.	Beatrice B. McClaflin, Edith A. Stevens.	24 9	19	10.7	9.43	88
7.	Joseph A. Nolan, Margaret A. Whitty.	12 24	29	22	20.2	92
9.	Carrie R. Russell.	36	18	13.89	13.44	97

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are the names of those who have been neither absent or tardy. The figure at the right of the name indicates the number of terms.

No. 1.

Clifford Lyman, 2	Madeline Beaman, 3
David Dale, 2	Mary Dale, 2
Edith Stevens, 1	Margaret Harte, 1
Elinor O'Keefe, 1	Raymond Mason, 1
Ernest Warren, 1	Theo. Lyman, 2
Jennie Crelan, 1	Winnie Simonds, 2
Katherine O'Keefe, 1	Willie Dale, 1
Kate Lamson, 3	

No. 2.

Minnie E. Lyman, 1

No. 3.

Ethel Field, 1	Everett Kenfield, 1
Jesse Holton.	

No. 4.

Lucy B. Browning, 3	Henry Holton, 1
Alice C. Nash, 1	Murry Hammond, 2
Elsie M. Banks, 1	Henry Hammond, 1
Bessie L. Hammond, 1	Raymond Hastings, 1
Florence Park, 1	Don H. Sprague, 1
James S. Browning, 3	

No. 5.

Edna Finney, 1	Winnie Dresser, 1
Agnes Fisher, 1	Ernest Johnson, 1
Bernard Fisher, 2	Gertrude Johnson, 1
Bertha Dresser, 1	Leo Johnson, 1

No. 6.

Louis Nelon, 2

No. 9.

Eva Hatstat, 2	Ethel Dresser, 2
Bearl Stearns, 2	E. Myrtle Dresser, 1
Effie Stearns, 2	Harold Randall, 1
Amy Dresser, 2	Allen Putnam, 1

CONCLUSION.

I would urge parents and all friends of popular education to visit the schools and learn of their merits by personal observation. I wish to thank the School Committee for their kindness, unfailing courtesy and generous support in my work. I should show myself lacking in appreciation did I not also express my gratitude to the teachers who have faithfully and loyally labored with me, and to the parents and citizens for their encouragement and fidelity to the interests of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Warren.

Report of Trustees of Public Library.

In presenting their annual report, the Library Trustees are very glad to be able to say something besides a bare statement of receipts and expenditures. During the past year, Mr. E. M. Dickinson, a native of Northfield, but a resident of Fitchburg, has again evinced his love for and interest in his native town by building and presenting to it a magnificent and well appointed library building to be known as the "Dickinson Memorial Library."

This building provides not only for a stack room for books, but also a public reading room, a reference room, where one may quietly investigate any subject by means of library books, an art room and a room for relics. It is doubtful if any town in New England of 5,000 inhabitants or less has as fine a library building or one as well adapted for its purpose.

Owing to unexpected delays on the part of some manufacturers, the furnishing of the building is not yet completed, but will be in a few weeks. Hence, the trustees are not ready to report as to the expenditure of the two thousand dollars appropriated for this purpose. We believe it will be the policy of the town to make the library and reading room of the greatest possible value to all who may avail themselves of its privileges and also to increase the number who shall do this. In 1890 an act was passed by the legislature establishing a "Free Public Library Commission." When this commission was organized one hundred and five towns in the state were without a free public library. By the efforts of this commission the number of such towns is now reduced to about twenty. The following is quoted from the commission's report of 1896: "With a treasure house of books in nearly every town, the problem of distribution, of bringing the library within easy reach of every family, is one that naturally engages much attention. The disposition to establish branches for the benefit of outlying sections of a town is an evidence at

once of a growing demand for methods of wider and more general distribution, and of a readiness to adopt the most practicable means to meet the demand. The intimate relation of the public library to the public school, and the special advantages and privileges which the libraries give to teachers and scholars; the tendency to make the library and reading room homelike and cheerful; the anxiety of librarians to lead people to read books that are useful as well as entertaining, and to study the special needs of the community; and the large number of people of wealth who donate funds for the purchase of books or to provide library buildings, — are among the indications of the development of the free public library as a public necessity and a public blessing.”

Such conclusions from a source so competent to reach them, after a careful survey and study of the problem ought materially to help us in making the best use of provisions so generously bestowed.

We believe that our public library and reading room should be open two or three days each week, from about two to half past five o'clock, and from half past six to nine o'clock, P. M. This, with a constant and active interest manifested by *all* the citizens, will be sure to make our library a prominent factor in our intellectual, social and moral advancement. With all this in view, your trustees recommend an appropriation of not less than \$550 for the public library. They further recommend that the board of trustees be increased to six members.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

DR.

To cash on hand per last report,	\$19 32
appropriations by the town,	200 00
cash received from librarian,	6 57

\$225 89

1897.	CR.	
May 5.	paid for Lives of Eminent Men,	\$ 1 50
29.	“ express on Atlas,	35
June 1.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	22 00
8.	Estes & Lauriat for Atlas,	10 00
8	library bureau,	2 00
14	DeWolf, Fiske & Co., for books,	70 57
15	express on books,	85
July 1	express on catalogues,	15
5	Printing catalogues	3 16
5	postage,	16

1898.

Feb. 11	librarian's salary,	65 00
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\$175 74

Feb. 15, balance in hands of trustees, \$50.15.

N. P. WOOD,
GEO. F. PIFER,
H. W. RANKIN,
Trustees.

Library Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 5, 1898.

Number of volumes in library last report,		4,152
Number of volumes purchased past year,		88
Number of volumes presented past year,		25
	Total,	4,265
Number of families patrons of library,	169	
Number of visitors patrons of library,	7	
Number of volumes taken by families,		3,825
Number of volumes taken by public schools,		205
Number of volumes taken by visitors,		16
	Total,	4,046
Amount of fines collected,	\$8 08	
Amount of fees from visitors,	80	
	Total,	\$8 88
Amount paid for incidentals,		\$2 31
	Balance,	\$6 57
Uncollected fines,		\$1 84

MRS. F. J. STOCKBRIDGE,
Librarian.

Fire Engineers' Report.

The Northfield Hook and Ladder company was organized April 12th, 1897, with a volunteer membership of 25.

The members have worked faithfully throughout the whole time the company has been organized to obtain the necessary equipments, and now have a truck with ladders, pails, axes, pike-poles, chains, ropes, hook and other necessary paraphernalia.

By personal effort of the members, by entertainments and other means all this has been paid for, except about \$40.

Article VII of the constitution of the company reads as follows :

“In case of the disbanding of the company, the apparatus, and all paraphernalia shall be considered as the property of the town, and delivered to the selectmen.”

The company now ask the town to assist a worthy cause, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$40, to pay this indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BLACK,

Chief Engineer.

Northfield, Mass., February 15, 1898.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN,

Overseers of Poor and Assessors,

—OF THE—

Town of Northfield,

—TOGETHER WITH—

Reports of the School Committee, Treasurer,
Collector, Cemetery Commissioners, Library
Trustees and Librarian, and Committee
on By-Laws.

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1899.

ATHOL, MASS;

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1899.



Report of the Selectmen.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD:

We herewith submit for your consideration the following report concerning the receipts and expenditures of the town for the financial year ending Feb. 13th, 1899. We have endeavored to look after the interests of the town in an economical way, but have been forced to exceed our appropriations to meet the necessary expenditures.

There has been quite an increase in our poor, especially the out of town poor, which are in some cases difficult to manage. We have one family which it is expected the town will soon be relieved of.

Our contingent expenses foot up more than usual, partly on account of abatements that should have been cancelled in 1895 and 1897 and salaries of some of the town officers for the year which have not usually been settled, also absence of court fines for cases before the District court for which we have paid officers fees. Some of our roads were in very poor condition early in the year, especially the Warwick road, which caused an increased expenditure. This report also includes the expenses of running Munn and Morgan's ferries. Our roads were in fairly good condition when winter set in.

The money raised for Mill Brook hills has not been expended; this section of the highway being included in the survey for the state highway, we deemed it best not to make any alterations in the same, awaiting the decision of the state commissioners on the petition presented them with plans as surveyed for a portion of the amount in their hands to be allotted. A hearing before the State Board was attended Feb. 9th.

Our financial report shows the town in a healthy condition financially, with a good balance in favor of the town.

ERNEST C. FIELD,	} Selectmen of Northfield.
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,	
CLINTON A. WARE,	

Town Warrant.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN, ss:

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, County aforesaid—Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Northfield on Monday, March 6th, 1899, at 9 o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and outstanding committees or act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also to bring in their ballots, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept of the Jury list as revised, or act thereon.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount or interest on taxes, or act thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to make temporary loans, or act thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money to be applied on the town debt, or act thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money for the care and improvement of the cemeteries.

Article 10. To see if the town will instruct the Cemetery Commissioners to have the cemeteries mowed three times during the season, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will accept and adopt the by-laws presented by the committee chosen at the special town meeting, Dec. 24th, or act thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will purchase a new road scraper, or act thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will instruct their road commissioner to remove the stones both sides of Main Street, placed there by the Village Improvement Society, or act thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will purchase runners and pole for the new hearse, or act thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money to raise and put an extension on rear of the Town Hall, choose a committee to do the same, or act thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will make a survey and plans of the cemeteries in the town and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same, or act thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will accept of the gift of land from the Misses Belcher for the enlargement of the cemetery at the Center, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for fixing up the same, or act thereon.

Article 18. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to grant to Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander the right to place within the limits of the public highway, monuments, tablets or other devices to mark historic places or commemorate historic events.

Article 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars to defray the preliminary expenses of the hearing before the Superior Court of the grade crossing on the road leading to Stebbins' Ferry or act thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 50, Sections 20, 21, 22 and 23 of the Public Statutes, relative to sidewalks; appropriate and raise any sum of money for the construction of sidewalks, designate where the same shall be constructed, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in five public places in town, nine days at least before the day appointed for said meeting, one of which shall be the Post Office at Northfield, one the Post Office at East Northfield, one the Post Office at West Northfield, one the Post Office at Northfield Farms, and one the school house in District No. 6. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this the seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

ERNEST C. FIELD,	}	Selectmen of Northfield.
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		
CLINTON A. WARE.		

Jury List For 1899.

Edward B. Murdock,
Francis J. Stockbridge,
Ambert G. Moody,
John H. Bolton,
Fred Z. Allen,
Clarence A. Randall,
Fred C. Britton,
Charles L. Robbins,
Simon S. Fisher,
Frank E. Stimpson,
Joseph A. Ross,
Arnold H. Holton,
Charles H. Gilbert,
George W. Piper,
Clinton A. Ware,
Frank E. Aldrich,
Osgood L. Leach.

Oscar F. Durkee,
Samuel C. Holton,
Fred B. Caldwell,
J. Wesley Mann,
Clifford I. Holton,
Thomas R. Callender,
Geo. E. Holton,
Warren S. Osgood
Ozro D. Adams,
Charles C. Stearns
Nelson G. Hilliard
Harlan P. Braman.
Pitts W. Preston
Leonard R. Smith,
Forest B. Estabrooks
Henry C. Holton.

Assessors' Report.

Valuation of real estate,	\$828,994 00
Valuation of personal estate,	87,268 00

Total valuation May 1, 1898,	\$916,262 00
Number of polls,	503
persons assessed,	775
persons assessed on property,	625
persons assessed for poll tax only,	150
resident taxpayers,	474
non-resident taxpayers,	151
horses assessed,	526
cows assessed,	717
sheep assessed,	186
neat cattle assessed,	301
swine assessed,	205
dwellings assessed,	430
acres of land assessed,	19,730

ASSESSMENT FOR 1898.

State tax,	\$570 00
County tax,	2,332 59

\$2,902 59

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1898.

Schools in general,	\$2,800 00
repairs on buildings,	200 00
text books and supplies,	300 00
conveyance,	300 00
superintendent,	26 000

\$3,860 00

Contingent and support of poor,	3,000 00
Highways, general repairs,	2,000 00
Survey state road,	100 00
Mill Brook hill,	200 00
R. R. Bridge road to Dickinson Hall,	100 00
Highland Avenue sidewalk,	150 00
Hook and Ladder Co.	40 00
Cemeteries in general,	100 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
Library,	550 00
Overlay	322 76
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	\$10,472 76

APPROPRIATED, NOT RAISED.

Library furnishing,	\$2,000 00
Town debt,	500 00
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	2,500 00
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Total appropriated	\$12,972 76
Raised on polls,	1,006 00
“ “ personal estate,	1,178 80
“ “ real estate,	11,190 55
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	\$13,375 35

Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate per \$1000, \$13.50.

ERNEST C. FIELD,	}	Assessors of Northfield.
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		
CLINTON A. WARE,		

List of Abatements.

M. T. Moore, Collector for 1897,	
James W. Arlin,	\$2 00
George N. Clark,	2 31
Lyman H. Clay,	2 00
David Cotter,	2 00
E. O. Frink,	2 00
Girard Graves,	2 00
Fayette C. Howard,	2 00
Earle Chapin,	2 00
Hiram Johnson,	2 25
George Lamb,	2 00
John Lewcarriage,	2 00
V. E. Lombard,	2 00
Judah Nash,	2 00
Jonathan Stimpson, estate (exemption law,)	5 69
Edwin B. Stratton,	2 00
Toney Trela,	2 00
John Thenoski,	2 00
Vincent [Polander]	2 00
Joseph “	2 00

\$42 25

Report of Overseers of Poor.

A. H. RICHARDS AND WIFE:

Town of Royalston, aid, 105 44

“ Hubbardston, “ 76 00

S. C. Holton, car fares to Royalston, 1 80

 \$183 24

DWIGHT COOK AND FAMILY:

Town of Montague, aid, 219 86

GARDNER COLLIER:

Weekly aid to Feb. 11th, 1899. 74 00

EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, Boston,

Weekly aid, 96 00

WATSON FAMILY:

Town of Watertown, aid, 39 25

NELSON ALDRICH:

Town of Fairhaven, aid, 1 50

COLEMAN C. SMITH.

Northampton Lunatic Hospital, 169 46

CHARLES PARKER:

Com. of Mass. 146 00

JOHN QUINLAN:

Com. of Mass. 122 40

F. H. STONE:

City of Boston, aid, 37 00

FRED^W. WHITNEY:

City of Lowell, aid, 24 50

MARY B. ALLEN:

Town of Warwick, aid, 10 00

W. H. BRITT:

Town of Athol, aid, 28 00

CHARLES LORD:

T. F. Reed, board, 87 00

A. W. Proctor, shoes, 2 25

 89 25

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LYDIA PACKARD AND CHILD:

O. H. Doolittle, board,	240 42	
E. C. Field, car fare to Orange,	59	
H. S. Ames, legal advice,	20 00	
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JONATHAN LYMAN:

O. H. Doolittle, board,		133 57
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JOHANNA DRISCOLL:

Jerry Twine, board,	19 00	
P. Coughlin, board	57 00	
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,	4 70	
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		80 70

MRS. GEORGE DOOLITTLE:

Weekly aid,		88 00
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JOHN CASEY AND FAMILY:

City of Northampton, aid,		111 96
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L. WEBSTER:

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,		2 00
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GAD LYMAN:

Dr. N. P. Wood, medical aid,		46 50
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CHARLES BRIGGS:

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,	11 94	
C. A. Ware, " "	6 10	
F. E. Atwood, meat "	2 22	
Town of Winchendon, aid,	19 75	
E. C. Field, carfare and team at Winchendon,	1 44	
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		41 45

HIRAM JOHNSON:

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,	9 70	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	13 00	
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		22 70

ASA KENISTON:

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished,	30 70	
R. C. Ward, medical attendance,	2 00	
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		32 70

ELECTA STRATTON:

Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, board,	35 00	
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FANNIE HERMANSON:

F. V. Wood, board,	16 00	
A. W. Proctor, telephone,	65	
A. L. Newton, medical attendance,	7 00	
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WILLIAM DALE:

Weekly aid,	65 00
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MRS. JAMES MATTOON:

Weekly aid,	72 00
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MRS. C. KIMPLIN:

Weekly aid,	60 00
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Thos. Quinlan, wood,	14 00
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Town of Athol, aid,	4 45
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	78 45
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John R. Casey, care of tramps,	11 80
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M. Dickinson care of tramps,	32 00
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	43 80
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S. C. Holton, car fare account of poor,	50
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MRS. ALVA KIMPLIN:

Town of Bernardston, rent,	25 00
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	\$2,404 45
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Received from T. Quinlan, account John Quinlan,	\$122 40
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Due from State, account H. Johnson,	22 70
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Due from town of Ashby, account A. Keniston,	32 70
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Received from F. Hermanson,	23 65
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	201 45
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Total expense of poor,	\$2,203 00
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ERNEST C. FIELD,	}	Overseers of Poor.
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		
CLINTON A. WARE,		

H. C. Holton, Selectman, 1897,	\$80 00
H. C. Holton, Road Commissioner, 1897,	103 25
S. C. Holton, Selectman, “	106 86
E. C. Field, “ “	121 13
L. R. Smith, School Com., “	13 75
C. A. Ware, Register, “	11 25
T. R. Callender, “ “	11 25
F. J. Stockbridge, “ “	11 25
D. E. Lyman, Auditor,	2 50
C. C. Stearns, “	2 50
M. T. Moore, collector, constable, and election officer,	106 50
R. C. Ward, cattle inspector,	33 75
E. C. Field, mailing town reports,	5 50
Gardner News Co., printing town reports,	41 76
M. T. Moore, Col., abatement poor people's taxes, 1894 per order assessors 1895.	99 23
Discounts abatement, 1897,	339 20
“ “ 1898,	338 56
Abatement account D. Johnson, "Perry Farm" 1897,	4 00
District court fees,	35 06
Abatement poor peoples' taxes, 1898,	42 25
Posting town warrants, 1897,	12 00
Stationary, printing and postage,	19 25
Posting town warrant, 1898,	6 00
W. M. Smead, District Court fees,	9 72
R. L. Doane, “ “	5 20
F. W. Doane, “ “	5 66
E. J. Pratt, “ “	4 76
American Express Co., express charges,	8 05
F. W. Doane, coal for town hall,	18 76

C. H. Webster, insurance policies,	72 50
“ Justice of Peace fee,	25
Gleason & Packard, insurance policy,	63 00
W. F. Nichols, surveying library lot,	1 50
A. W. Proctor, oil and chimneys for hall,	6 87
C. T. Bagnall, stationery and printing,	11 26
E. A. Hall, tax collector books,	1 56
C. T. Cook, blank book,	15
E. C. Field, copying valuation for Secy Com.	7 50
Thomas Quinlan, wood for hall,	4 00
John D. Bowker, registering library deed,	50
C. C. Stearns, cook stove for hall,	2 00
Henry W. Russell, care of town clock,	7 50
H. H. Mason, “ “	5 00
driving hearse,	39 00
care of town hall,	30 00
repairs at town hall,	2 25
moving and cleaning weights and measures,	2 25
return of deaths,	6 75
W. J. Wright, paid for return of births,	5 50
stamps, stationery, locks, etc..	15 05
Town Clerk and Treasurer,	209 10
Nellie M. Wood, services as school Com. and stamps, 1898,	5 45
E. S. Bardwell, services as school committee, 1898,	5 25
L. R. Smith, “ “ “ and incidental, 1898,	25 00
Green & Davenport, legal advice,	1 00
S. C. Holton, bridge tolls and stamps,	2 04
E. C. Field, car fare to Boston, account highway commission,	4 36
postage,	2 44
C. C. Stearns, election officer, Nov.	2 50
N. D. Alexander, teller, March meeting,	2 50
R. K. Caldwell, abatements account errors 1897 and 1898,	1 30
Chas. Pomeroy estate, abatements account Perry farm,	1 30
Dudley Johnson, “ “ “	1 95
Lucretia and Cora Moore, abatements account exemption law,	13 50
C. L. Robbins, election officer, Nov.	2 50
D. E. Lyman, “ “ “	2 50
C. C. Stearns, cemetery commissioner,	3 75
F. A. Hilliard, “ “	3 75
R. K. Caldwell, “ “	3 75

C. T. Bagnall, printing envelopes and note paper acct. Treas.	2 60
H. H. Mason, sawing wood at town hall acct. library,	1 50

\$2,181 38

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District Court fine,	5 00
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Total, \$2,176 38

Expense of poor, \$2,203 00

Contingent, 2,176 38

\$4,379 38

Appropriation Poor and Contingent, 3,000 00

Overdrawn, \$1,379 38

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Daniel W. Burnham, \$24 00

Gardner Collier, 48 00

Mrs. Gardner Collier, 28 00

Thomas Hart, 48 00

Charles X. Janes, 72 00

Roswell Stratton, 8 00

Mrs. Roswell Stratton, 32 00

William Strange, 48 00

\$308 00

REPORT OF ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Mrs. J. L. May, \$5 00

Gad Lyman, 5 00

Miss Fannie Field, 10 00

Miss Emma Hilliard, 5 00

Miss Hattie Hilliard, 5 00

Mrs. Fayette Howard, 10 00

\$40 00

Highways.

F. W. Ruggles,	Labor,	112 78
Samuel Ruggles,	"	13 20
O. F. Durkee,	"	57 03
F. H. Montague,	"	17 18
Thos. B. Metcalf,	"	13 00
F. W. Hilliard,	"	17 60
C. L. Gilbert,	"	2 25
J. L. Hammond,	"	88
George Preston,	"	1 50
L. C. Miller,	"	1 50
L. E. Fisher,	"	3 00
Henry T. Hall,	"	1 50
Frank C. Stratton,	"	60
Ira H. Ewers,	"	1 50
G. H. Lyman,	"	3 60
Ozro D. Adams,	"	1 20
S. W. Weatherhead,	"	5 75
W. C. Manchester,	"	11 55
W. S. Hastings,	"	75
G. B. Kenney,	"	11 13
Clinton Whittaker,	"	45
W. H. Browning,	"	6 20
E. E. Howes,	"	3 07
W. W. Merriam,	"	5 00
H. F. Field,	"	5 18
E. C. Field,	"	8 20
E. A. Nash,	"	12 30
F. H. Simonds,	"	10 50
J. C. Delvey,	"	2 70
J. E. Dresser,	"	24 55

H. C. Wentworth,	"	1 50
Orin Darling,	"	3 00
J. A. Holland and others,	"	76 84
Geo. A. Field,	"	3 00
Arad Stratton,	"	11 25
Ezra Sharmtley,	Ferryman,	43 25
J. H. Dalton,	Labor,	366 23
T. Quinlan,	"	44 00
H. D. Field,	"	74 00
J. W. Black,	"	5 20
A. J. Arlin,	"	1 50
J. P. Campbell,	"	6 30
A. W. Mason,	"	3 00
H. H. Mason,	"	60
Thomas Hart,	"	1 65
W. Arlin,	"	3 00
F. L. King,	"	1 50
Arnold Holton,	"	14 04
C. A. Parker,	"	6 00
L. O. Clapp,	"	1 50
W. C. Reed,	"	1 50
F. A. Bigelow,	"	11 40
Gardner Collier,	"	50
C. O'Keefe,	"	70
Daniel O'Keefe,	"	14 20
C. W. Slate,	"	1 95
C. R. Pomeroy,	"	23 25
J. Callaghan,	"	8 25
O. S. Davis,	"	4 37
W. Davis,	"	2 47
Wm. Slate,	"	7 35
G. H. Slate,	"	13 40
O. E. Slate,	"	14 39
H. C. Alexander,	"	90
L. W. Pratt,	"	5 82
J. R. Casey,	"	27 30
G. Stearns,	"	3 50
Geo. Irish,	"	1 50
A. H. Irish,	"	3 00

B. Gillett,	Labor,	18 30
J. Driscoll,	"	11 55
J. Dale, Sr.,	"	17 70
F. Streeter,	"	6 15
John Glace,	"	4 05
Charles Gillette,	"	8 25
W. T. Mack,	"	1 50
Geo. Abbott,	"	5 70
Geo. W. Piper, Agt. and others,	"	199 24
E. B. Murdock,	"	7 05
G. E. Murdock,	"	3 75
H. W. Russell,	"	1 35
R. E. Long, Agt and others,	"	113 49
Ira C. Lazelle,	"	2 80
C. P. Britton,	"	14 00
F. W. Doane,	"	19 95
F. D. Robbins,	"	13 20
A. J. Whittemore,	"	6 00
Northfield Seminary,	"	147 40
Harry Holton,	"	6 45
H. C. Holton,	"	17 00
Wm. Strange,	"	2 25
Chas. Strange,	"	1 20
Wm. Bain,	"	6 23
Rufus Phillips,	"	16 57
D. D. Streeter,	"	13 50
W. B. Burrows,	"	18 50
F. Z. Allen,	"	35 58
D. Preston, Agt. and others,	"	48 31
P W. Preston,	"	85 25
F. B. Holton,	"	9 40
C. I. Holton,	"	35 75
Walter Doolittle,	"	2 25
Charles Aldrich,	"	4 95
Wm. Aldrich,	"	4 10
Fred Lewis,	"	5 70
Leslie Tyler,	"	1 05
Edward Smith,	"	3 00

George Strange,	Labor,	3 00
Wright Farnum,	"	3 90
W. J. Leonard,	"	8 10
Town of Gill, 1-2 expense Morgan's Ferry,		44 88
		<hr/> \$2,176 21

MATERIAL FOR HIGHWAY.

B. F. Streeter, covering stone,	3 00
Estelle M. Pierce, gravel 1896 and 1897,	15 00
“ “ “ 1898,	7 00
C. R. Nelson, guide boards	2 00
“ “ plank,	6 15
J. C. Delvey, oars and spike poles,	2 59
A. W. Proctor, nails, spikes and pick,	2 13
G. A. Stearns, plank,	25 61
Northfield Seminary, tile and cement,	2 80
Thomas Quinlan, plank and posts,	43 05
“ “ stringers,	10 20
H. C. Holton, “	1 00
J. L. Matton, tile,	14 40
F. Z. Allen, railing and posts,	15 72
Pickard & Walker, rope for boat,	85
G. E. Allen, points and edges for scraper,	18 00
F. E. Stimpson, lantern stolen from highway,	50
American Express Co., express charges on scraper points,	1 15
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	\$171 15

WATER RENTS.

Northfield Aqueduct Co.,	10 00
M. E. Dickinson,	5 00
E. C. Field,	5 00
W. N. Smith.	5 00
J. A. Ross,	3 00
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	\$28 00

MEADOW HILL, WEST NORTHFIELD,

C. I. Holton, labor,	22 75
Frank B. Holton, "	3 75
Frank Robbins, "	13 50

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Albert Preston,	"	12 00
P. W. Preston,	"	45 00
"	" posts and spikes,	1 72

 \$98 72

SIDEWALK, HIGHLAND AVE.

Northfield Seminary, labor,	150 00
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SURVEY STATE ROAD.

Clapp & Abercrombre, surveying and plans,	100 00
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Highways in general,	2,176 21	
Material,	171 15	
Water rents,	28 00	
Meadow Hill,	98 72	
Sidewalk, Highland Ave.,	150 00	
Survey State road,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,724 08

Appropriation highways,	2,000 00	
Meadow Hill,	100 00	
Sidewalk, Highland Ave.	150 00	
Survey State road,	100 00	2,350 00
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Overdrawn,	\$374 08
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Received from town of Gill, account Munn's ferry, 1-2 expense,	\$29 39
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Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

We herewith submit for your consideration our report for the past year. The cemeteries are in very good condition, but, owing to the appropriation being reduced to such an extent, they have not received all the care we would wish. We would advise that the appropriation be increased to the amount of former years. We would recommend the acceptance of the gift of land from the Misses Belcher for an addition to the cemetery at the Center, and trust their generosity will be truly appreciated. We also recommend, and believe it to be an absolute necessity, that the town make suitable surveys and plans of our cemeteries, and raise and appropriate sufficient money for the same.

Paid for work in cemeteries as follows:

Albert J. Brown,	\$ 1 43	
Amos W. Stanton,	2 55	
Fortene A. Bigelow,	8 50	
Amos Bigelow,	7 60	
Oscar E. Slate,	9 35	
George Slate,	8 62	
Willie J. Alexander,	50	
N. D. Alexander,	10 00	
H. H. Chamberlain,	1 25	
Frank Harness,	4 00	
C. C. Stearns,	14 20	
H. C. Holton,	2 00	
Benj. Morrison,	2 00	
Arad Stratton,	2 50	
F. A. Hilliard,	7 50	
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		\$82 00
Paid for care of individual lots:		
Charles Alexander, lot,	8 00	

J. S. Packard, lot,	4 00	
Levi Fay, “	4 50	
Samuel Lane, “	3 00	
J. Minot, “	6 00	
	-----	25 50

Total,		\$107 50
Appropriation,	100 00	
Received for funds,	25 50	
	-----	\$125 50
Balance unexpended,		18 00

R. K. CALDWELL,
FREEMAN HILLIARD, } Cemetery
C. C. STEARNS, } Commissioners.

Collector's Report.

DR.		
Amount committed for collection, 1898,		\$13,375 35
" uncollected for 1896,		25 00
" " " 1897,		107 69
		\$13,508 04
CR.		
Paid Town Treasurer, 1898,		\$9,823 31
Balance uncollected,		3,684 73
		\$13,508 04

MERRILL T. MOORE, Collector.

Feb. 13, 1899.

Selectmen's Financial Report.

DR.		
Orders issued on Town Treasurer since Feb. 10, 1898,		\$14,149 89
CR.		
Paid for poor,		2,404 45
contingent,		2,181 38
highways,		2,347 36
schools,		4,532 45
cemeteries,		107 50
Memorial Day,		50 00
library,		2,110 03
water rents,		28 00
meadow hill to Dickinson Hall,		98 72
sidewalk Highland Ave.,		150 00
hook and ladder company,		40 00
surveying state road,		100 00
		\$14,149 89

ERNEST C. FIELD, SAMUEL C. HOLTON, CLINTON A. WARE,	}	Selectmen of Northfield,
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Financial Condition of the Town, Feb. 13, 1899.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank,	\$1,600 00
E. C. Field, selectman,	125 75
S. C. Holton, “	74 12
C. A. Ware, “	94 00
M. T. Moore, collector,	100 00
Outstanding orders, 1893, not paid,	5 44
“ “ 1897, “	12 25
“ “ 1898, “	684 14
Estimated expense of poor Feb. 13, bills not rendered,	290 00
	————— \$2,985 70

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$2,473 77
“ “ library trustees,	8 63
Due from H. H. Mason, rent of town hall,	40 50
“ state account Hiram Johnson,	22 70
“ “ state aid,	84 00
“ town of Ashby, account of Asa Keniston,	4 50
“ M. T. Moore, collector, 1896,	25 00
“ “ “ 1897,	107 69
“ “ “ 1898,	3,552 04
	————— \$6,491 83
Balance in favor of town,	3,506 13

ERNEST C. FIED,	}	Selectmen of Northfield.
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		
CLINTON A. WARE,		

Treasurer's Report.

W. J. WRIGHT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

	DR.	CR.
To balance from previous account,	3,340 75	
cash from Mt. Hermon school, use of derrick,	7 60	
J. H. Eames, auctioneer's license,	2 00	
State Treasurer, account state paupers,	10 90	
" " inspection animals,	47 50	
F. V. Wood, account pool table license,	2 00	
C. M. Brewster, " "	2 00	
W. S. Allen, account H. Duncan's fine,	5 00	
town of Warwick, account John H. Wise,	83 50	
T. Quinlan, account John Quinlan,	66 81	
S. C. Holton, account Mrs. Johnson,	10 00	
E. C. Field, account sale small boat at Munn's ferry,	2 00	
State Treasurer, acct. corporation tax,	1,477 06	
State Treasurer, acct. National Bank tax,	236 98	
State Treasurer, acct. Military aid,	36 00	
State Treasurer, acct. State aid,	216 00	
County Treasurer acct. dog fund re- turned,	188 49	
E. C. Field, acct. sale of old wind- ows, Union Hall,	3 60	
State Treasurer, acct. Mass. school fund,	394 43	
town of Ashby, acct. A. Keniston,	37 88	
Franklin County National Bank, tem- porary loans,	2,951 33	
M. T. Moore, Coll., acct. 1898 tax,	9,823 31	
" " " 1897 "	4,033 22	
" " " 1896 "	175 00	
town of Gill, acct. Munn's ferry,	29 39	

income surplus revenue,	128 00	
income cemetery funds,	50 26	
S. C. Holton, acct. Fannie Hermanson,]	15 00	
L. R. Smith, acct. tuition,	12 00	
“ “ supplies,	4 40	
“ “ Supt. schools,	173 00	
By cash paid Selectmen's orders,		14,291 05
Greenfield Savings bank interest,		90 00
“ “ on debt,		500 00
county tax,		2,332 59
state tax,		570 00
Franklin Co. National bank, temporary loans,		3,000 00
state aid,		308 00
cash in hands of treasurer,		2,473 77
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		\$23,565 41
		\$23,565 41

W. J. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., Feb. 14th, 1899.

Report of Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library.

In presenting their annual report, the Library trustees "point with pride" to the record of the past year, and the beneficial results flowing from the opening of our new public library building. The Dickinson Memorial Library building was dedicated June 9th, 1898, with very impressive and interesting exercises.

In presenting the deed and keys to the chairman of the Selectmen, Mr. Dickinson said he gave the building to the town free and unconditional, "save only that it should be used for the purpose for which it was designed." The dedicatory exercises were held in the Congregational church, which was filled with an interested audience. Many were present from out of town, especially a good number of Mr. Dickinson's friends from Fitchburg.

The State Free Public Library Commission, evinced its interest in the occasion by being represented by one of its members, Mr. Samuel Swett Green of Worcester, and Amherst College was represented by its librarian, Mr. W. I. Fletcher. Music was furnished by a choir of young ladies from the Seminary, (Estey Chorus) and the public school children. A collation was furnished in the vestry of the church by the citizens of the town. The day was one of the red letter days in the history of Northfield. Without further comment we insert the program of the dedicatory exercises:

PROGRAMME.

Invocation,
Music.

REV. G. GLENN ATKINS

Introductory Remarks by the President of the Day,

REV. C. I. SCOFIELD, D. D.

Presentation of Deed and Keys of the Building by Mr. Dickinson to
Chairman of the Selectmen, E. C. Field.

Presentation of Keys and custody of Building by Mr. E. C. Field
to the Chairman of the Trustees, Dr. N. P. Wood.

Music,

Dedicatory Address,

REV. GEO. F. PIPER

Music.

Address,

SAMUEL SWETT GREEN

of the Free Public Library Commission.

Address,

W. I. FLETCHER

Librarian Amherst College.

Music.

Address,

D. L. MOODY

Address,

REV. G. GLENN ATKINS

Music.

Benediction.

It is important that the citizens of Northfield shall become strongly imbued with the idea that this gift to the town by Mr. Dickinson is one of the most valuable as an instrument in the educational and moral advancement of any community. All honor to the man who has made this contribution to the intellectual development of our historic town; a center of culture and of progress; a treasure house of letters and of learning. It deserves the unremitting care and unstinted support of every loyal citizen.

The trustees have endeavored to bring the library within easy reach of every scholar in town. The school superintendent and public school teachers have been important agents in contributing to this result, and the number of volumes taken by teachers and scholars has been largely increased, and the quality of such reading much improved. By this means many books have found a way into a number of families living at a distance from the library who never before took out volumes.

A public library's usefulness is measured by the number of persons it helps to educate or entertain. It will be the aim of the present board of trustees to cause the widest possible distribution of books among all the families in this town. This result can be greatly enlarged by the individual help of every citizen interested in the library's usefulness. A free public reading room has been not the least valuable of the benefits afforded by the library. This has been open to the public three afternoons and evenings each week. The furnishings of this room are such as are sure to attract and cultivate, and it is supplied with a carefully selected list of the best periodicals now printed. This list should

be enlarged, which is possible by a more liberal appropriation. Parents are urged to induce their children to avail themselves of the advantages of this reading room.

At a town meeting held Nov. 2, 1897, two thousand dollars were raised and appropriated to furnish the library. With a portion of this sum, book-stacks, tables, chairs, a plant for lighting and fixtures for the same, curtains, screens, and mats for the floor and stairs were bought. Recently a cabinet for the preservation of relics has been purchased. So much seemed to the trustees to be needed immediately. Many other needs are evident to the trustees, but they prefer to wait and see which are the most important before expending the remainder of the appropriation. At the annual March meeting of 1898 the number of trustees was increased to six. At the first meeting of the board it was organized as follows: N. P. Wood, chairman; W. H. Rankin, secretary; C. H. Green, treasurer; Geo. F. Piper, H. W. Rankin and Mrs. M. A. Caldwell were elected book committee; N. P. Wood, C. H. Green and H. W. Montague executive committee. The executive committee appointed Mrs. F. J. Stockbridge, librarian, and Mr. F. J. Stockbridge janitor.

The board issued an appeal for relics, and a fair number of such has been received. Others have been promised. There is no doubt that enough historic relics exist in this vicinity to make a very interesting and instructive collection if only they are brought forward. Printed blanks are furnished, on which donors or loaners of relics can write a brief history of each article and the owner's name. A complete collection of the minerals, woods, flora and fauna of this section, ought to be placed in the library, and so arranged that the public school children can study them at leisure.

The trustees voted to join the Massachusetts Library Art Club, by which means we are able to hang in the art room from time to time valuable collections of photographs, and reprints of historic and modern works of art, architecture and scenery. The public are invited to study these. We invite your careful attention to the report of the book committee. We recommend an appropriation of \$600 for the year ensuing.

Appended are the financial reports.

N. P. WOOD,
GEO. F. PIPER,
HENRY W. RANKIN,
C. H. GREENE,
H. W. MONTAGUE,
MRS. M. A. CALDWELL,
Library Trustees.

Report of the Book Committee.

A comparison of the librarian's report for the year ending Feb. 11, 1899, with that for the year ending Feb. 5, 1898, shows an increase in the circulation of books from 4,046 to 8,798, or of about 120 per cent. This increase is the more encouraging when we consider that the new building has been occupied but eight months, and that for three weeks, during the removal from the room in the town hall, no books were in circulation. The number of families taking books has increased from 169 to 240. The paper covers have been removed from the books, and a new catalogue made on the most approved system. Patrons of the library now have access to its shelves, and are able to make their selections with much less trouble than formerly. Arrangements have been made by which books recommended by the supervisor are carried to and from the public schools, and 381 volumes have been taken by school children the past year, an increase of 176 volumes over the preceding year. On account of large extra expenses which have necessarily been incurred, the expenditure for books has been less than usual, barely exceeding the amount required by the terms on which the social library was accepted by the town in 1878. 63 volumes have been bought, and 123 presented. For the volumes presented acknowledgment is made, and thanks returned as follows: To Hon. Joseph Mason, Plainfield, N. J., 55 volumes; Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, 12 volumes; U. S. Government 12 volumes; Northfield Book Club, 10 volumes; Henry W. Rankin, 8 volumes; John Mattoon, 6 volumes; the Misses Belcher, 5 volumes; Mrs. Woodruff, 4 volumes, Wright Stratton, 2 volumes; A. P. Fitt, 2 volumes; Mrs. Susan Dickinson, Mrs. Gillette, Miss E. H. Brown, Miss Fanny Mattoon, Miss Garrett and Miss Lee Clire, 1 volume each.

The reading room, like the library, has been open 18 hours a week, and the number of readers on an average has not been less than 30 a week—probably more. The following 12 magazines and newspapers are furnished for the year ending July 1, 1899, from the appropriation

for current expenses, at a cost of \$24.30: Review of Reviews, New England Magazine, Harper's Magazine, St. Nicholas, Round Table, Literary World, McClure's Magazine, Ladies' Home Journal, Youths' Companion, Outlook, Independent, and Springfield Weekly Republican. 12 publications are also regularly received at the reading room by the kindness of the following parties to whom the thanks of the trustees are hereby rendered:

The Congregationalist, Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander: the Pilot, James Wall; The Christian Register, the Young People's Guild; The New World, Rev. N. P. Gilman; The Missionary Review, D. L. Kinson; The Popular Educator and Primary Education, J. E. Warren; Success, Joseph and Mary Colton; The Advocate of Peace, American Peace Society; The Record of Christian Work, W. R. Moody, The Woman's Home Companion, and The Paradise of the Pacific, donors and unknown.

By a recent vote of the trustees, periodicals which have been on file a reasonable time can be taken from the library on the same conditions as books.

GEO. F. PIPER,
H. W. RANKIN,
MRS. M. A. CALDWELL,
Book Committee.

Library Furnishing Report.

1897.

Nov. 15, N. P. Wood, incidentals,	14 99
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Dec. 31, Emerson & Son, tables and window shades,	179 26
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1898.

Jan. 3, Revere Rubber Co., treads and mats,	26 40
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Feb. 15, Library bureau, book stack,	445 00
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18, J. H. Burt & Co., window and door screens,	96 00
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18, Geo. A. Stearns, wood,	22 74
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25, Heywood Bros., chairs,	121 50
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April 6, John Carter & Co., card board,	15 00
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19, W. D. Morgan, book stack and cabinet,	50 00
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June 25, A. P. Wood, incidentals,	103 67
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July 3, W. D. Morgan, gas fittings and chandeliers,	126 36
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1, F. W. Doane, freight and cartage,	8 78
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9, J. W. Zwicer, work and lumber,	10 65
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23, N. P. Wood, gas plant and incidentals,	235 96
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Aug. 27, N. P. Wood, incidentals,	22 32
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Sept. 3, Library bureau, incidentals,	25 28
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1899.

Benj. Hills, cabinet and tables,	50 00
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Jan. 13, Freight on same,	2 30
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Library Current Expense Report.

1898.

June 25, DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	51 39
29, S. E. Bridgeman & Co., books,	24 30
July 1, Library bureau, author table,	1 25
7, De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	5 67
9, Geo. F. Piper, Express charges,	50
17, De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	9 95
Aug. 27, Library seal,	4 00
Sept. 1, Library bureau, incidentals,	3 90
1, E. L. Hildreth, printing,	7 25
1, W. H. White, binding books,	15 10
Oct. 1, N. P. Wood, envelopes and stamps,	5 00
Nov. 10, Geo. A. Stearns, wood,	51 75
1899.	

Jan. A. W. Proctor, incidentals,	3 11
Feb. 9, Mrs. F. J. Stockbridge, librarian,	121 40
F. J. Stockbridge, janitor,	51 00
11, Northfield Farms, library association,	20 00
Different dates, C. A. Maynard, work cataloguing,	175 00

\$550 57

N. P. WOOD,
GEO. F. PIPER,
HENRY W. RANKIN,
C. H. GREEN,
H. W. MONTAGUE,
MRS. M. A. CALDWELL,

Library Trustees.

Report of Library Treasurer.

NORTHFIELD LIBRARY.

	DR.	
May 11, Library art club,	5 00	
June 1, Incidentals,	91	
8, Express on library of Congress,	45	
11, Miss Thurston, 9 lbs. coffee,	3 11	
11, Geo. M. Oaks, 25 doz. rolls,	3 00	
16, Tapers,	15	
17, Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	22 00	
27, Express on books,	75	
July 8, " "	30	
27, Express on pictures,	62	
Sept. 1, " books,	35	
17, " "	25	
21, " map,	30	
22, H. H. Mason's bill,	5 75	
1897.		
Dec., Ladies' Home Journal pictures,	5 00	
Express on same,	90	
1898.		
Dec. 15, Paid P. Cutting for sawing and getting into library 13 cords of wood,	13 00	
		\$61 88
Feb. 16, Cash on hand,		8 63
		<hr/> \$70 51

NORTHFIELD LIBRARY.

	CR.	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898,	50 15	
June, Cash from Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, and others,	5 00	
Feb. 15, Cash received from librarian, dues on books,	15 36	
		<hr/> \$70 51

C. H. GREEN, Treasurer.

Library Report,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 11, 1899.

Number of volumes in library last report,	4,265
Number volumes purchased past year,	63
Number of volumes presented past year,	123
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Discarded as worn out or unsuitable,	4,451
Duplicates,	57
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	85
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	4,309
Number of families, patrons of library,	238
Families from surrounding towns, patrons of library,	2
Number of visitors, patrons of library,	14
Number of volumes taken by families,	8,357
Number of volumes taken by public schools,	381
Number of volumes taken by visitors,	60
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Total,	8,798
Amount of fines collected,	\$18 58
Received from families out of town taking books,	\$2 00
Amount paid for incidentals,	5 22
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Balance,	\$15 36
Uncollected fines,	\$1 92

MRS. F. J. STOCKBRIDGE, Librarian.

Report of the School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD:

In submitting the school report for the year ending Feb. 24, 1899, we are pleased to refer you to Superintendent J. E. Warren's report. Under skilled supervision, the schools have steadily improved, and to-day we believe that they compare favorably with any rural schools in the Commonwealth.

As few changes as possible have been made in our corps of teachers. The committee have kept informed in the work being done in the school room. We feel satisfied that, in addition to the lessons required to be taught by law, the children are receiving daily lessons in good morals, in good manners, in patriotism, in respect for law and order, and in all that tends to make good citizens.

The school buildings, except No. 3, are in good condition. The furnace in the Centre building is unsatisfactory. It seems impossible to heat all the rooms on cold, windy days. A new method of heating and ventilating has been introduced in school house No. 2, with very satisfactory results. It may be deemed advisable to introduce this system into other buildings during the coming year. Beside the incidental repairs, the Centre building has been painted, and school house No. 9 thoroughly renovated.

J. M. Clapp presented school No. 9 with twelve handsomely framed engravings. He also gave the other schools as many engravings as the committee could rame. Twenty were framed and hung in the different school rooms, thereby adding much to the attractiveness of the rooms.

CALENDAR FOR 1899-1900.

Spring term,	13 weeks,	begins March 27,	closes June 23
Fall term,	15 weeks,	begins Sept. 4,	closes Dec. 15
Winter term,	8 weeks,	begins Jan. 1,	closes Feb. 23

We recommend for the coming year: For schools, \$2,800; for books and supplies, \$300; conveyance of pupils, \$300; salary of superintendent, \$260.

L. R. SMITH,	}	School Committee.
NELLIE M. WOOD,		
E. S. BARDWELL,		

Financial School Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 16, 1899.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general,	\$2 800 00
Repairs,	300 00
Text books and supplies,	300 00
Conveyance,	300 00
Superintendent,	260 00
Massachusetts school fund,	394 43
Income surplus revenue,	64 00
Dog fund,	188 49
State aid for supervision,	173 00
Tuition,	12 00
For supplies,	4 40
	----- \$4,796 32

EXPENDITURES.

SALARY OF TEACHERS.

J. A. Nolan, No. 1,	\$432 00
Anna Thompson, No. 1,	396 00
Lucy W. Sanderson, No. 1,	360 00
Anna Dwight, No. 6,	106 00
Jennie Pierce, No. 3 and 2,	109 90
Lottie Evans, No. 4,	360 00
Emma Dwight, No. 5,	180 00
E. A. Stevens, No. 6,	78 00
Margaret Whitty, No. 7,	156 00
Carrie Russell, No. 9,	228 00
Alice Dwight, No. 2,	280 00
Ethel Edgerton, No. 6,	72 00
Ermine Keith, No. 6,	71 50

Louise Morse, No. 7,	96 00	
Anna Palmer,	163 00	
Edith Clark,	28 00	
		<hr/> \$3,116 40

SUPPLIES.

Edward Babb & Co.,	\$58 96	
J. S. Hammett & Co.,	46 74	
A. W. Proctor,	6 20	
American Express Co., Vermont R. R.,	11 73	
Geo. S. Perry,	1 94	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	33 46	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	32 19	
Retting Bros.,	28 20	
Ginn & Co.,	26 98	
H. S. Swan,	10 00	
Werner & Co.,	5 76	
American Book Co.,	37 36	
C. T. Bagnall,	13 50	
F. D. Jones,	4 20	
Pickard & Walker,	2 95	
Geo. Merriman,	17 00	
Educational Publishing Co.,	5 63	
		<hr/> \$342 80

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDING.

Andrew Hicks, No. 7,	1 20	
E. H. Dwight, No. 6,	10 10	
E. A. Stevens, No. 6,	3 25	
Lottie Evans, No. 4,	11 10	
Carrie Russell, No. 9,	3 25	
Jennie Pierce, No. 3,	3 00	
Willie Alexander, No. 2,	8 90	
Chas. Pomeroy, No. 1,	37 50	
Henry Russell, No. 9,	2 00	
Robert Strange, No. 7,	3 30	
Edith Edgerton, No. 6,	3 00	
Chas. Pomeroy, No. 1,	38 00	
Leon Merrill, No. 7,	2 75	
Chas. Pomeroy, No. 1,	16 50	
D. L. Richardson, No. 4,	5 00	

Ermine Keith, No. 6,	3 85	
Thomas Johnson, No. 2,	8 70	
Louise Morse, No. 7,	3 00	
Chas. Pomeroy, No. 1,	25 25	
Henry Holton, No. 4,	6 00	
Frank Piper, No. 6,	2 00	
	— — —	\$202 65

REPAIRS.

J. E. Warren,	2 50	
W. A. Reed,	3 25	
R. M. Snow,	11 85	
J. T. Cummings,	76 45	
Chas. O'Keefe,	4 55	
P. P. Hosmer,	4 08	
Smith & Anthony,	11 20	
H. S. Swan,	2 50	
W. D. Morgan,	28 07	
Henry Russell,	50	
Joseph Ross,	2 00	
Fred Aldrich,	3 00	
	—————	\$149 95

FUEL.

Willie Alexander, No. 2,	3 00	
F. W. Doane, No's. 1 and 2,	138 98	
C. I. Holton, No. 7,	45 25	
Andrew Hicks, No. 7,	1 52	
George Stearns, No's. 9 and 2,	36 90	
Ernest Billings, No. 3,	2 00	
Wm. Davis, No. 4,	2 00	
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S. S. Fisher, No. 5,	10 50	
J. W. Mann, No. 4,	12 19	
G. W. Piper, No. 6,	2 25	
	—————	\$254 59

CONVEYANCE.

S. L. Pike, No. 6,	108 00
Wm. C. Fellows, No. 5,	50 00

T. R. Callendar, No. 3,	18 50	
Mrs. Rufus Phillips, No. 7,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$181 50

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts,		\$4,796 32
Paid teachers,	3,116 40	
Text books and supplies,	342 80	
Care of school buildings,	202 65	
Repairs on buildings,	149 95	
Fuel,	254 59	
Conveyance,	181 50	
Superintendent,	259 56	
Town of Orange, tuition,	25 00	
Unpaid bills, (estimated)	100 00	
Balance unexpended appropriation,	163 87	
	<hr/>	\$4,796 32

L. R. SMITH,	}	School Committee.
E. S. BARDWELL,		
NELLIE M. WOOD,		

Superintendent's Report,

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:—

The fourth annual report of the Superintendent of schools is hereby respectfully submitted.

It is a pleasure to be able to say that in nearly every school harmony and good feeling have existed between teachers and scholars. Especially fine work has been done in some of the schools, and good progress has been made in all. Notwithstanding the temporary illness of Miss Palmer, the music has had a fairly successful year.

A graded course in reading and literature was prepared, and was placed in the hands of the teachers and pupils at the opening of the fall term. This course aims to lead the children to form the habit of reading good literature. The trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library have assisted by creating a School Department of the library. The department includes all of the books recommended by the National Educational Association for school libraries and other volumes, which experience has shown to be interesting and profitable to young people. These books have been eagerly read by the children in all parts of the town. It is believed that much good has come from this effort to direct the reading of the pupils of the public schools. Still better results are looked for in the future.

A graded spelling book, prepared by Dr. J. M. Rice, editor of "The Forum," has been introduced. This book is to be used to supplement the regular work in spelling. This work is an attempt to teach each child to spell correctly those words which he has sufficient mastery of to use in conversation or writing. To accomplish this, it is necessary for the teachers to know each child's vocabulary. As no two children have exactly the same vocabulary, this can only be learned by watching

the pupil's papers. The misspelled words on these papers are used for spelling lesson. This plan must be followed persistently, if the children are to become good spellers. The vocabulary can then be increased if the teacher constantly seeks occasion for the pupil to use the new words of geography, history, literature, and science, until these words become a part of the child. If the teachers could find time to do this thoroughly, spelling books would be unnecessary. But as most of our schools contain a number of grades, and the calls upon the teacher's time are almost innumerable, it was thought best to assist the teachers by providing spelling books, even though the list of words for study imperfectly meet the needs of the children.

There were so few pupils at No. 3, that in two weeks after the opening of the fall term, the school was, in accordance with your wishes, closed, and the children brought to the Centre. This action has saved the town five dollars a week. The children have been more punctual and regular in attendance, for a comfortable vehicle has carried them to school in the morning and returned them safely to their homes at night. Being in larger classes they have studied with more interest and enthusiasm, and have made better progress. This was to be expected, as in the graded schools the teachers having fewer classes are able to make better preparation, give longer recitations, and do more thorough work.

The town has been fortunate in being able to retain a strong corps of teachers throughout the year. The only changes have occurred at Nos. 6 and 7. It is highly important to keep good teachers as long as possible, for a change retards the progress of the pupils and materially interferes with the success of the school. A faithful, capable and progressive teacher will increase in usefulness as long as she is continued in a position.

STATISTICS.

School.	Teacher.	Weeks Taught.	Weekly Wages.	Pupils Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance
No. 1.							
High.	Joseph A. Nolan.	36	\$12.00	34	23.9	21.8	91
Gram.	Anna Thompson.	36	11.00	32	31	28.75	93
Primary	Lucy Sanderson.	36	10.00	37	30.4	27.6	91
No. 2.	Alice M. Dwight.	36	10.00	39	32	28.25	88
No. 3.	Jennie S. Pierce.	14	7.00	9			
No. 4.	Lottie E. Evans.	36	10.00	27	21.7	19.3	89
No. 5.	Emma S. Dwight.	36	6.00		11.8	11.2	95
No. 6.	Edith A. Stevens,	6	6.00				
	Ethel Egerton,	12	6.00	13	10.8	9.51	88
	Erminnie I. Keith.	11	6.50				
No. 7.	Margaret A. Whitty,	24	7.00	34	27.2	24.5	90
	Louise Morse.	12	8.00				
No. 9.	Carrie Russell.	36	6.50	26	20.4	19.6	96

Roll of Honor.

The following are the names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy. The figures at the right of the name indicates the number of terms:

Fred Aldrich,
Mary Aldrich,
Madeline Beaman, 3
Edwin A. Bigelow,
George Bigelow,
Willie W. Bigelow,
Ethel M. Carroll,
Mary Casey,
James Crehan,
Jennie Crehan,
Cecil Cummings,
David P. Dale, 2
Katharine Dale,
Mary J. Dale, 2
William Dale, 2
Pauline Davis,
Amy Dresser,
Bertha F. Dresser,
Ethel L. Dresser, 2
E. Myrtle Dresser,
Vera W. Dresser, 2
Ernest S. Smith,
Fannie Stockbridge,
Robert Strange,
Carrie Tanski,
Robert D. Ware,
J. Ernest Warren, 2

Winnie J. Dresser, 2
Archie S. Fellows, 2
Bertha S. Fellows,
Ethel L. Fellows, 2
Edna B. Finney,
Agnes S. Fisher, 3
Bernard S. Fisher, 3
Byron Gillett,
Murry M. Hammond, 2
Willie Hilliard,
Ethel F. Jackson,
Harry L. King,
Clifford E. Lyman,
Raymond L. Mason, 2
Elsie Newton,
Katharine O'Keefe,
Florence M. Park,
Lottie Philips,
Harold E. Randall, 3
Joseph S. Rawson,
Mary Shea,
Donald H. Sprague,
Elfrado A. Webster,
Herbert A. Webster,
Marion Webster,
Ralph Weeks,
Raymond Weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WARREN, Supt. of Schools,

Proposed By-Laws

SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN FOR ADOPTION BY THE COMMITTEE CHOSEN AT A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DEC. 24.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The election of Town Officers shall be held on the first Monday in March.

SEC. 2. All warrants for Town Meetings, whether annual or special, shall be served by posting copies of the same at the post office at Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, Northfield Farms, and schoolhouse in District No. 6, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting, and the fee shall be four dollars for posting same.

SEC. 3. The powers and duties of the presiding officer, and the rules for the conduct of debate not especially provided for by law, or by the by-laws of the town, shall be determined by the rules of procedure contained in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are adapted to the conditions and powers of the town.

SEC. 4. No vote fixing the time for closing a ballot shall be reconsidered after such ballot shall have commenced, but the time for closing such ballot may be extended.

SEC. 5. A motion to dissolve a Town Meeting, or to adjourn without date, shall not be in order until action has been taken regarding all articles in the warrant. Motions to adjourn from day to day, or to a certain time within two months from the time of meeting, shall be in order, and shall have the privileged character usually given such motions.

SEC. 6. Motions shall be submitted in writing when so required by the Moderator.

SEC. 7. At any Town Meeting held for the transaction of town business, except during the progress of balloting at state and town elections, the floor of the hall shall be reserved for legal voters only. The galleries shall be open, however, to the general public.

SEC. 8. No final vote shall be reconsidered unless a notice for that purpose is publicly given within thirty minutes of the adoption of such a vote, and a two-thirds vote of those present, and voting shall be necessary for the reconsideration of any final vote.

ARTICLE II.

FINANCES AND TAXES.

SEC. 1. The financial year shall begin with the fifteenth day of February, in each year.

SEC. 2. The Assessors shall complete the list, and deliver their warrant to the Collector on or before the first day of August, of each year.

SEC. 3. The Collector shall prepare bills for each year, within fourteen days from the time the taxes are furnished him by the Assessors, and the same shall be forthwith distributed to the tax payers, by mail or otherwise. Upon each bill shall be printed the rate of taxation, time and rate of discount, a statement of interest to be charged for non-payment, and a notice of the time within which the taxes must be paid, in order to avoid costs, arrest, or levy upon property.

SEC. 4. All taxes on real and personal estate shall be due and payable on or before the first day of November, of each year. Poll taxes shall be due and payable on demand. January first the Collector shall proceed to collect, according to law, all taxes remaining unpaid.

SEC. 5. In all cases when abatements of taxes are made by the Assessors, the certificates of such abatements shall be signed by a majority of the board.

SEC. 6. The Tax Collector shall pay over to the Town Treasurer all money received by him within seven days of its receipt.

SEC. 7. All money belonging to the town deposited in any bank, shall be deposited in the name of, and to the credit of, the town, and shall be drawn only by check or receipt signed by the Treasurer.

SEC. 8. The Town Treasurer shall not borrow any money on behalf of the town upon any promissory note executed by him as such Treasurer, unless such note is first countersigned by the Selectmen.

SEC. 9. No money of the town shall be paid out by the Treasurer except on orders drawn by the Selectmen, provided, however, that state and county taxes, and notes of the town with interest thereon, may be paid by the Treasurer without such orders.

SEC. 10. No appropriation for a specific purpose or any unapplied balance thereof, shall be altered or transferred to any other account,

except by express vote of the town, and if a balance remains unexpended after one year from the time of its appropriation, it shall revert to the general treasury, to be paid out only on a new appropriation.

SEC. 11. An accurate list of the appropriations made at any Town meeting shall be sent by the Town Clerk within seven days of said meeting, to the Town Treasurer, and to the Town Officers and Committee, under whose direction the appropriations are to be expended.

SEC. 12. The money received each year from dog licenses shall be appropriated to the public library for the maintenance of the library, or the purchase of new books, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the town.

SEC. 13. All money paid to the town shall be credited by the Treasurer to the account to which it properly belongs.

SEC. 14. No appropriation of a larger sum than two thousand dollars shall be made at any Town Meeting, excepting the business session of the annual meeting, unless by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any such meeting, and no appropriation for any given purpose shall exceed the amount specified in the warrant, if any sum is stated therein.

ARTICLE III.

TOWN OFFICERS AND REPORTS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen to publish the annual reports of the Town Officers and Committees, and the report shall be issued and distributed previous to the first Monday in March of each year.

SEC. 2. The reports of all the Town Officers and Committees shall be issued in one book, and shall contain a copy of the annual Town Warrant. The report shall show the expenses in each department in detail, and financial condition of the town.

SEC. 3. The Selectmen shall have full authority as agents of the town to employ counsel to institute and prosecute suits in the name of the town, to appear for and defend suits brought against it, unless specially ordered by vote of the town, or otherwise provided by the laws of the commonwealth.

SEC. 4. The annual report of the Town Clerk shall contain a complete list of the marriages, births and deaths during the year; a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the office during the year.

SEC. 5. The annual report of the Tax Collector shall contain a statement of the amount committed for collection, and amount of in-

terest collected, the amount paid over to the Treasurer, amount of abatements and discounts, amount of uncollected taxes and cash on hand.

SEC. 6. The annual report of Overseers of the Poor shall contain a summary of the expenses for the support of the poor during the year. A list of people in town who have received regular or partial support, showing the amounts given for aid in each case. A list of those receiving partial support in other places, including a list of the insane poor, showing hospitals where they are located. A statement of the number of tramps lodged and fed during the year.

SEC. 7. The annual report of the Assessors shall contain a complete list of all abatements of taxes, the names of the parties whose taxes have been abated during the year, the reasons for and the amounts of such abatements. A statement showing the number of assessed polls, value of real estate and personal property for the year, the estimated income and receipts and figures, showing how the rate of taxation was fixed. Beginning with the year 1900, it shall be the duty of the Assessors once in five years, to issue along with the annual reports of the town officers an accurate and complete list of the valuation of the real and personal estates of the town, the list of assessed polls and property exempt from taxation, unless otherwise voted by the town.

SEC. 8. The annual report of the School Committee shall contain a statement showing the value of the school property held by the town, in buildings, grounds, furniture, text books and supplies. A statement as to the number of pupils, the cost of instruction and text books for each pupil, and the rank of the town in this respect as returned by the State Board of Education. A statement as to the rank of the town in its appropriations for schools as returned by the State Board of Education. Reports of the year's work in the schools with such recommendations and explanations regarding educational work as the committee may think best.

SEC. 9. Before certifying to the accounts of the Treasurer, the Auditors shall examine his cash book, wherein shall be entered his receipts and payments that occur from day to day, shall see that he has paid out no money except on proper vouchers, carefully examine all payments for interest, and see that money on hand is intact.

SEC. 10. Before certifying to the Collector's accounts, the Auditors shall examine his cash book, showing the amounts collected from day to day, and showing when the same were paid over to the Treasurer,

shall see that he has collected interest on all taxes over due, and shall see a complete list of the abatements, and also a list of unpaid taxes.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of Auditors to examine the books and accounts of all town officers and committees intrusted with the expenditures of money, to see that the same are kept in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth and the By-Laws of the town.

SEC. 12. The Auditors shall make an annual report of their doings, together with such statements and remarks in regard to the legality or propriety of any of the transactions or expenditures as they may consider required by the interests of the town.

ARTICLE IV.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS.

SEC. 1. Any person licensed by the Selectmen to obstruct any sidewalk or street, or break or dig the ground of the same, shall put up and keep up at all times a suitable railing around the parts of the sidewalk or street so obstructed or dug up, so long as the same shall be unsafe or inconvenient for traveling. The person so licensed shall also keep enough lighted lanterns at or near the parts of the street so obstructed or dug up, from twilight in the evening through the whole night, as shall be sufficient to warn travelers.

SEC. 2. No person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team to any of the trees planted in any public highway, street or public lands in the town, nor drive into the same any spikes, nails, hooks, staples, nor affix any signs thereto.

SEC. 3. No person shall kick football, or play at any game in which a ball or missile of any kind is used, on any of the public streets of the town.

SEC. 4. No person shall in any of the streets of the town discharge any gun, fowling piece, pistol or firearms, except in the performance of a legal duty.

SEC. 5. Petitioners for a new street shall in all cases pay the costs of surveying and laying out the proposed street, but the surveying and laying out shall be done under the supervision of the Selectmen, and all petitions for the laying out of a new street shall contain an agreement to pay the cost of such surveying and laying out.

ARTICLE V.

PENALTIES AND AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. Every violation of the foregoing By-Laws shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars, (\$20).

SEC. 2. Penalties recovered for the violation of these By-Laws shall be paid into the treasury of the town, for the use of the town.

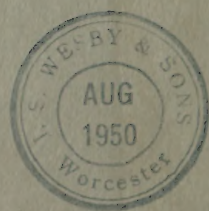
SEC. 3. No person shall be prosecuted or tried for any breach of the provisions of the By-Laws of the town unless the complaint for the same shall be made within one year from the time of committing such breach.

SEC. 4. The By-Laws may be amended at the business session of any annual town meeting, an article or articles for that purpose having been inserted in the warrant for such meeting.

SEC. 5. These By-Laws shall take effect from and after their approval by the Superior Court, and upon such approval all By-Laws heretofore adopted by the town shall be annulled and repealed.

ERNEST C. FIELD,	}	Committee on By-Laws.
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		
CLINTON A. WARE,		





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